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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

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OF THE

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC

Of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Its Annual Sessions Held at Salisbury, N. C.

In the month of October, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Three. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the twenty-first and continued until the evening of the twenty-sixth of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in Faith Reformed Church of Salisbury, North Carolina, on Wednesday evening, October 21st, A. D. 1903, at 8 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D., from 2 Corinthians 5:18.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the President formally opened Synod with prayer. The provisional Synodic roll was then called by the Stated Clerk and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers.—Wm. A. Korn, Ph.D.,[2] George S. Sorber,[2] J. Kern McKee,[2] George Stibitz, Ph.D.,[2] Hiram J. Hillegas.[2]

Elders.—George H. Foust,[2] N. H. Dietz,[2] Deatrick Hildebrand,[2] L. W. Feistel.[2]

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers.—Lloyd E. Coblentz, Samuel M. Roeder,[2] Calvin S. Slagle,[2] Atvill Conner, Elmer L. Coblentz, John W. Pontius, Geo. A. Whitmore,[2] David J. Wolf, Hiram J. Macalister,[2] Joel T. Rossiter, D.D., Robert J. Pilgram, E. Ranson Deatrick, B.D., Will S. Fisher, J. Stewart Hartman,[2] Geo. A. Snyder.

Elders.—Cephas M. Thomas, Ephraim Cornman, John Gassman, Calvin A. Thomas,[2] T. Michael Hoffman,[2] Lewis F. Kefauver, Adrian C. McCardell,[2] Geo. W. Crum,[3] W. Scott Kefauver, Geo. W. Eyerly, Robt. F. Thomas, W. W. Witherow,[2] Goldsboro S. Griffith,[2] Atvill Conner.

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers.—William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., Isaac N. Peightel,[2] Franklin F. Bahner, D.D., Edward O. Keen, Jonas B. Shontz.

Elders.—John A. Diehl,[2] J. Edward Omwake,[2] Isaac H. Kieffer, F. R. Bossert, G. O. Nicodemus.

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers.—A. H. Smith,[2] John A. Hoffheins, D.D.,[2] Lewis T. Lampe,[2] Moses A. Kieffer,[2] Ellis S. Hay,[2] Thomas K. Cromer,[2] Joseph E. Guy.

Elders.—Richard L. Gray,[2] D. A. Miller,[2] W. A. Pence,[2] J. H. Show, H. E. Bailey,[2] C. O. Arey,[2] J. S. Huffman.[3]

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers.—Joseph L. Murphy, D.D.,[2] James D. Andrew,[2] J. M. Luther Lyerly, Ph.D., Jacob C. Leonard, B.D., Harvey A. M. Holshauser, Samuel W. Beck,[2] Calvin B. Heller,[2] John H. Keller,[3] Paul Barringer.[3]

Elders.—P. J. Leonard,[2] J. B. Leonard,[3] J. R. Fisher,[3] G. H. Peeler.[3]

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers.—Thomas J. Barkley, D.D.,[2] Marsby J. Roth,[2] Alexander P. Frantz,[2] J. Hamilton Smith,[3] Theodore C. Hesson,[2] Silas P. Mauger.[2]

Elders.—Greenberry W. Weaver,[2] Franklin D. Hesson,[2] Jacob H. Schriver,[2] Martin R. Berkheimer.[2]

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers.—Miles O. Noll, Samuel H. Stein, George W. Shellenberger,[2] J. Thomas Fox,[2] William H. Groh.[2]

Elders.—Samuel S. Brenner, Dr. E. A. Shulenberger,[2] Elias B. Leiby, John Calvin Miller, Silas W. Moyer.[2]

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers.—Simon U. Waugaman,[2] Edward W. Stonebraker,[2] Paul A. DeLong, Howard Obold, J. David Miller, W. C. Slough.[2]

Elders.—John Brewster, Levi Roudabush,[2] G. S. Grove,[2] C. C. Roudabush,[2] J. Scott Corle.[2]

NOTE.—The figures at the end of a name indicate the day on which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening of the Synod.

Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D., occupied the seat of Rev. S. M. Roeder Wednesday evening. Rev. Jacob C. Clapp, D.D., occupied the seat of Rev. James D. Andrew from Saturday morning until the adjournment of Synod.

Revs. J. B. Shontz, J. C. Leonard, B.D., T. J. Barkley, D.D., and Elders Geo. H. Foust, Lewis F. Kefauver, P. J. Leonard and Silas W. Moyer were excused on Monday morning.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis.—Revs. Simon S. Miller, Isaac M. Motter, J. M. Schick, D.D.

Virginia Classis.—Elder H. J. Seibert.

North Carolina Classis.—Revs. W. B. Duttera, Ph.D., W. W. Rowe, Shuford Peeler, J. C. Clapp, D.D., W. H. Causey, J. A. Foil, Ph.D., S. W. Beck, and President C B. Mebane and Professor R. W. Weaver, of Catawba College.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. D. N. Dittmar, C. J. Musser, D.D., R. W. Miller, D.D., T. M. Yundt. Licentiate E. M. Hartman. Elder F. E. Heller.

Ohio Synod—Rev. A. V. Casselman.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced: Revs J. H. Wilson, of the Lutheran Church; M. E. Atkins, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; M. E. Parish, of the Baptist Church, and J. M. Rumple, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. Miles O. Noll, *President,* Carlisle, Pa.
Rev. Samuel H. Stein, *Vice-President,* Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz, *Corresponding Secretary,* Baltimore, Md.
Rev. E. O. Keen, *Reading Clerk,* Waynesboro, Pa.
Elder George N. Forney, *Treasurer,* Hanover, Pa.
Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., is *Stated Clerk,* Woodberry, Md.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Reading of the Rules of Order, as adopted by the General Synod at Akron, Ohio, in 1887, was dispensed with.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as the church, excepting the last two pews. The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: the daily session to open at 9 and 2.30 o'clock, and close at 11 and 4.30 o'clock; the evening services to commence at 7.30.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. W. B. Duttera, Ph.D., J. C. Leonard, C. B. Heller; Elders S. T. Wilfong and T. D. Hedrick.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., Geo. S. Sorber, W. H. Groh; Elders Isaac H. Kieffer and A. C. McCardell.

Overtures.—Revs. P. A. DeLong, J. Marsby Roth, J. Thos. Fox; Elders T. M. Hoffman and Atvill Conner.

Minutes of Classis.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., J. K. McKee, Howard Obold; Elders E. B. Leiby and R. L. Gray.

Publication.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Hiram J. Hillegas, F. F. Bahner, D. D.; Elders Dr. E. A. Shulenberger and L. W. Feistel.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. I. N. Peightel, J. T. Rossiter, D.D., J. B. Shontz; Elders John Brewster, John Calvin Miller.

State of Religion.—Revs. John M. Schick, D.D., J. David Miller, Silas P. Mauger; Elders Geo. S. Grove and W. A. Pence.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D., David J. Wolf, Geo. W. Shellenberger; Elders J. H. Shriver and F. R. Bossert.

Education.—Revs. C. S. Slagle, Jos. L. Murphy, D.D., Moses A Kieffer; Elders John A. Diehl and C. A. Thomas.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. Geo. Stibitz, Ph.D., J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph.D., Theo. C. Hesson; Elders J. Edward Omwake and Levi Roudabush.

Missions.—Revs. Atvill Conner, S. U. Waugaman, S. H. Stein; Elders W. Scott Corle and P. J. Leonard.

Sunday-schools.—Revs. Jonas B. Shontz, W. A. Korn, Ph. D., Lewis T. Lampe; Elders Ephraim Cornman and H. E. Baily.

Nominations.—Revs. C. B. Heller, J. W. Pontius, A. P. Frantz; Elders S. S. Brenner, C. C. Roudabush.

Finance.—Revs. F. F. Bahner, D.D., Ellis S. Hay, J. D. Andrew; Elders M. R. Berkheimer and C. M. Thomas.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The annual reports of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Board of Trustees were presented and read, and then the former was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited.

3. The annual reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, annual report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, and of President J. S. Stahr, D.D., Ph.D., of Franklin and Marshall College, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The annual reports of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, a communication from the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, containing the report of Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer of the Washington Church Building Fund, and the report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The annual report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The annual report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. The annual report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home was presented to Synod, read, and then referred to a special committee.

8. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, whose report was received and adopted, namely:

Wednesday evening, Oct. 21, 8 o'clock.—Opening Sermon by retiring President, Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D., Washington, D. C.

Thursday, 7.30 p. m.—"Home Missions." Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., Gettysburg, Pa., presiding. Addresses: "Missions in the South," Rev. C. B. Heller, Maiden, N. C., and "Home Missions the Imperative Duty of the Hour," Rev. D. N. Dittmar, Phila., Pa.

Friday, 7.30 p. m.—"Education." Rev. Geo. Stibitz, Ph.D., York, Pa., presiding. Addresses: "Our Educational Needs," Rev. Prof. J. H. Keller, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., "The Church Paper and the Progress of the Church," Rev. C. J. Musser, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa. Exhibition of views on China by Rev. A. V. Casselman, Pittsburg, Pa.

Saturday, 3.30 p. m.—Preparatory Service. Sermon by Rev. P. A. DeLong, Huntingdon, Pa.

7.30 p. m.—"Benevolent Work." Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Martinsburg, W. Va., presiding. Addresses: "The Ministerial Relief Society," Rev. J. S. Hartman, Silver Run, Md., "The Deaconess Work," Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., Baltimore, Md., "The Orphans' Cause," Rev. T. M. Yundt, Womelsdorf, Pa. Exhibition of views on Japan by Rev. A. V. Casselman.

Sunday, Oct. 25.—Reformed Church.—Addresses to the Sunday-school, Revs. Obold and Conner. 11 a. m., Holy Communion sermon, Rev. Miles O. Noll, president of Synod.

2.30 p. m.—Sunday-school and young people's mass meeting

in the Presbyterian church, Dr. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., presiding. Addresses: "The Church and These Little Ones," by Rev. Ellis Hay. "The 20th Century Sunday-school," Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D.D.

Sunday night, 7.30 p. m.—Union Missionary meeting in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Addresses: "News From the Field," by Rev. A. V. Casselman. "Later Ideas on Home Missions," by Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D.

First Presbyterian Church.—11 a. m., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D.

First M. E. Church, South.—11 a. m., Rev. F. F. Bahner, D.D.

St. John's Lutheran Church.—11 a. m., Rev. C. J. Musser, D.D.

First Baptist Church.—11 a. m., Rev. S. H. Stein.

Chestnut Hill M. E. Church.—11 a. m., Rev. W. E. Stonebraker.

Chestnut Hill Baptist Church.—11 a. m., Rev. M. A. Kieffer.

East Salisbury M. E. Church.—11 a. m., Rev. W. A. Korn, Ph.D.

Y. M. C. A., Spencer.—4 p. m., Rev. L. E. Coblentz.

Spencer Methodist Church.—11 a. m., Rev. J. David Miller. 7.30 p. m., Rev. J. H. Smith.

Concord.—Rev. G. A. Whitmore.

Greensboro.—Rev. Geo. A. Stibitz, Ph.D.

Crescent.—Rev. D. J. Wolf.

Upper Davidson.—Rev. Geo. S. Sorber.

High Point.—Rev. E. O. Keen.

Burlington.—Rev. A. T. Wright.

Maiden.—Rev. T. C. Hesson.

Gilead.—Rev. J. T. Fox.

Rockwell.—Rev. A. P. Frantz.

Hickory.—Rev. A. H. Smith.

Newton.—Rev. George A. Snyder.

Lexington.—Morning.—Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D.; evening, Rev. M. J. Roth.

W. B. DUTTERA, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed

the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of last year were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming the notice and consideration of this Synod, namely:

Item 1. p. 7. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present meeting of Synod; of which committee Rev. H. J. Hillegas, is chairman.

Item 2, p. 37. A committee is appointed to superintend the commemoration of the semi-centennial celebration of the founding of Franklin and Marshall College. Rev. E. B. Lyttle is chairman.

Item 3, p. 38. The Classes are requested to arrange for the holding of educational conventions in the interest of the education of women, and of the Woman's College.

Item 4, p. 39. The Classes are to instruct pastors and consistories to seek out and encourage young men of marked ability and piety to consecrate their lives to the Christian Ministry.

Item 5, p. 40. Report of the Committee on the Endowment of the Woman's College. Rev. M. O. Noll, chairman.

Item 6, p. 43. The balances of annual interest on account of Catawba College due by the several classes are referred to the classes delinquent, and they are urged to make immediate payment.

Item 7, p. 44. A committee was appointed, of which Rev. A. S. Weber, D.D., is chairman, to devise plans and means to secure, by April 1st, 1903, the $5,000 due by this Synod on the Science Building, at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 8, p. 44. The Board of Trustees of Synod are instructed to borrow after April 1st, 1903, whatever sum may be deficient to meet the $5,000 for the Science Building.

Item 9. Vacancies on Synod's Boards.

It will be necessary to elect members of the various Boards of Synod to fill the place of those whose terms of office expire—or to fill vacancies, as follows:

P. 24. Trustees of Catawba College—six members.

44. Board of Education—three members for three years; one for two years; one for one year.

44. Regents of Mercersburg College—three members for three years, one for two, and one for one year.
45. Directors of Woman's College—one for five years.
45. Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College—one for ten years.
60. Board of Home Missions—one member for four years.
64. Board of Trustees of Synod—one member for five years.
66. Sunday-school Board of Synod—one member for five years.
72. Board of Publication—one member for four years.
76. Board of Managers of Deaconess Home—one minister for four years; one elder for three years.

Item 10, p. 58-9. Certain recommendations to the Classes concerning missions, raising of the apportionments in full, six cents per member, for Church Building, and the observance of Home Mission Sunday by the Sunday-schools, are made.

Item 11, p. 60. The Trustees of Synod were authorized to borrow an amount equivalent to the deficiencies now existing on the part of several Classes for Grace Memorial Church, Washington, D. C.

Item 12, p. 62. Apportionments are laid upon the several Classes for Home, Foreign, Hungarian and Bohemian, and Harbor Missions, Work among the Germans, Theological Seminary, General Synod and Potomac Synod Contingent, Beneficiary Education, and Catawba College.

Item 13, p. 17. All the Classes are urged to assume all apportionments in full.

Item 14, p. 63. Certain arrearages are noted as still existing for Contingent Fund of Synod and Contingent Fund of General Synod.

Item 15, p. 65-6. Are recommendations to the Classes in reference to Sunday-schools, concerning higher standards of excellence, classical or district conventions, General Synod's requests as to the contributions on festival days, and Normal Classes and Home Departments.

Item 16, p. 66. The Stated Clerk of Synod is instructed to send to the Stated Clerks of the several Classes a list of the items referred by the Synod to the Classes.

Item 17, p. 67. The Stated Clerks of Classes are required to send an abstract of the minutes of their Classes relative to matters to come before Synod, along with the copy of minutes, and to report all persons ordained during the Synodical year.

Item 18, p. 72. The Classes are to make earnest effort to increase the subscription list of the Messenger and the Review.

Item 19, p. 72. The Stated Clerk was authorized to have printed and distributed to the proper persons 3000 copies of the Minutes of last year's sessions of Synod.

Item 20, p. 73. Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes are commended to the earnest prayers and the liberal support of all our Classes.

Item 21, p. 74. Rev. H. H. Apple was appointed to confer with the Associated Press and the city papers in relation to the proper reporting of the proceedings of this Synod.

Item 22, p. 74. The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows is, through the Classes, to be presented to the people at least once a year, and they are urged to a larger liberality.

Respectfully submitted,
E. R. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on Item 1, see Article XXII, Ministerial Necrology; on items, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, see Article X, Minutes of Classes for their action on the several items; on items 5, 7, see Article XIII, Education; items 8, 11, 16 were adopted and marked "attended to;" item 9 was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations; item 14 was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance; on item 19, see Article XX, Publication; the committees on items 2 and 21 failed to report.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report, which was received and disposed of item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report that the following items have been referred to it:

Item 1. A request from Dr. W. M. Irvine, President of Mercersburg Academy, to appoint a committee to ordain Mr. Clayton H. Ranck to the Gospel ministry.

Item 2. A resolution from the Executive Committee of Catawba College, authorizing Treasurer of Synod to borrow amount due by Synod to Catawba College, and pay same to Treasurer of College.

Item 3. Invitation from Everett charge, Juniata Classis, to Synod, to hold its sessions for the year 1904, at Everett, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. DELONG, *Chairman.*

For action on Item 1, see Article XIX, Church Government; on item 2, Article XIII, Education. Item 3 was temporally laid upon the table. Subsequently it was taken up, and the invitation was accepted, Synod deciding to meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Everett, Pa., on Wednesday, October 26th, A. D. 1904, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

ARTICLE X.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on the Minutes of the Classes submits the following:

I.—Matters Referred by Synod.

Item 1. The Classes are requested to arrange for the holding of Educational Conventions in the interest of the education of the women and of the Woman's College.

All the Classes took favorable action except Mercersburg, which took no action.

Item 2. The Classes are to instruct pastors and consistories to seek out and encourage young men of marked ability and piety to consecrate their lives to the Gospel Ministry.

All the Classes comply with this instruction of Synod.

Item 3. The balances of annual interest on account of Catawba College, due by the several Classes, are referred to the Classes delinquent, and they are urged to make immediate payment.

The action of Synod is adopted by all the Classes except Zion's and the Classis of Virginia, which declines any further responsibility for interest on the endowment fund of Catawba College, in view of the claim of Classis, and the fact as reported by Synod's Committee, that she has paid in full her proportion of Synod's obligation in this behalf.

Item 4. Certain recommendations to the Classes concerning Missions, raising of the apportionments in full—six cents per member for Church Building, and the observance of Home Mission Sunday, by the Sunday-schools, are made.

All the Classes approve the action regarding the raising of apportionments in full. All the Classes accept the apportionment of 6 cents per member for Church Building, except Zion's.

All approve of the observance of Home Mission Sunday by Sunday-schools.

Item 5. Apportionments are laid upon the several Classes for Home and Foreign Missions, etc.

All the Classes accept the several apportionment, except Mercersburg, for work among Germans; Virginia 50 per cent for Missions, Home and Foreign, and all that for Catawba College, and North Carolina assumes nothing for Hungarian and Bohemian, Harbor Missions, Work among Germans, one-half of apportionment for Theological Seminary, and Juniata only $150 for Beneficiary Education.

Item 6. All the Classes are urged to assume all apportionments in full.

All the Classes approve this action.

Item 7. Recommendations to the Classes in reference to Sunday-schools.

All the Classes have taken favorable action.

Item 8. The Stated Clerks of Classes are required to send an abstract of the Minutes of their Classes relative to matters to come before Synod, along with the copy of Minutes, and to report all persons ordained during the Synodical year.

All the Classes approve this action.

Item 8. The Classes are to make earnest efforts to increase the subscription list of the Messenger and Review.

All the Classes have taken favorable action.

Item 9. Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes are commended to our earnest prayers and liberal support of all our Classes.

All Classes took favorable action.

Item 10. The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, through the Classes, to be presented to the people at least once a year, and they are urged to a larger liberality.

The item was approved by all the Classes.

II.—Matters Referred to Synod.

Item 11. North Carolina Classis calls attention of Synod to the omission of the reception of Rev. W. H. Stubblebine by said Classis.

Item 12. Maryland Classis overtures Synod to change the ratio of delegates, so that it shall be one delegate to every four ordained ministers or fraction thereof, instead of one for every three or fraction thereof, as at present.

III.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

Item 13. Zion's Classis received Rev. John J. Stauffer from Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio.

Item 14. Maryland Classis received Licentiate Aaron M. Gluck from Mercersburg Classis, Rev. Samuel T. Wagner from

St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, Rev. James R. Lewis from Wichita Classis, Synod of the Interior, and Rev. Charles A. Bushong from Virginia Classis. Dismissed Rev. George M. de F. Zacharias to the German Maryland Classis, German Synod of the East.

Item 15. Mercersburg Classis licensed Mr. A. M. Gluck and dismissed Licentiate A. M. Gluck to Maryland Classis, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher to Westmoreland Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh, and Rev. H. N. Bassler to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 16. Virginia Classis received Licentiate Ben. K. Hay from the Classis of Somerset, Synod of Pittsburgh, and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry. Dismissed Rev. C. A. Bushong to Maryland Classis.

Item 17. North Carolina Classis licensed William H. Causey, Charles W. Warlick and H. Shuford T. Peeler; ordained Licentiates D. E. Bowers, W. W. Rowe, S. W. Beck, W. H. Causey and H. S. T. Peeler; dismissed Licentiate C. W. Warlick to Juniata Classis.

Item 18. Gettysburg Classis received Rev. William E. Bushong from Zion's Classis, and Rev. Silas P. Mauger from East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod; dismissed Rev. F. A. Guth to East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod, and Licentiate Robert Lee Bair to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 19. Carlisle Classis licensed Frank W. Shulenberger; received Rev. Frank L. Kerr from St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; dismissed Rev. J. David Miller to Juniata Classis, and Rev. John P. Dieffenderfer to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 20. Juniata Classis licensed B. A. Black, John E. Stone and Calvin Skyles; ordained Licentiates Walter E. Garrett, W. C. Slough, E. F. Faust and Charles W. Warlick; received Rev. G. W. Welsh from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and J. David Miller from Carlisle Classis, Licentiate E. F. Faust from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, and Licentiate Chas. W. Warlick from North Carolina Classis; dismissed Rev. H. H. Hartman to Miami Classis, Ohio Synod, Rev. I. W. Hendricks to Tuscarawas Classis, Ohio Synod, Licentiate J. E. Stone to Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod, Rev. A. C. Thompson to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, Licentiate B. A. Black to Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior, and Licentiate Calvin Skyles to Somerset Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

IV.—Time and Place of Next Annual Meetings of Classes.

Item 20. *Zion's Classis* will meet at St. Paul's church, Dallastown, York county, Pa., on May 16th, 1904, at 7.30 p. m.

Rev. O. P. Shellhamer, President; Rev. Aaron Spangler, Stated Clerk; E. A. Rice, Treasurer.

Item 21. *Maryland Classis* will meet in Trinity Reformed church, Thurmont, Md., May 13th, 1904, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. G. W. Snyder, President; Rev. C. S. Slagle, Acting Treasurer; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, Stated Clerk.

Item 22. *Mercersburg Classis* will meet at St. Paul's Reformed church, Waynesboro, Pa., Tuesday preceding Ascension Day, 1904, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. E. O. Keen, President; Rev. W. C. Cremer, Treasurer and Stated Clerk.

Item 23. *Virginia Classis* will meet in Christ Reformed church, Martinsburg, W. Va., Wednesday, May 25th, 1904, at 8 p. m. Rev. E. S. Hay, President; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, Treasurer and Stated Clerk.

Item 24. *North Carolina Classis* will meet in First Reformed church of High Point, Wednesday, May 4th, 1904, at 8 p. m. Rev. H. A. M. Holshauser, President; M. J. Rowe, Treasurer; Rev. J. C. Leonard, Stated Clerk.

Item 25. *Gettysburg Classis* will meet in Emanuel Reformed church, Abbottstown, Adams county, Pa., first Tuesday after the Ascension Day, 1904, at 10.30 a. m. Rev. P. M. Spangler, President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, Treasurer and Stated Clerk.

Item 26. *Carlisle Classis* will meet in Zion's Reformed church near Newburg, Pa., May 18th, 1904, at 8 p. m. Rev. J. T. Fox, President; Rev. W. H. Groh, Treasurer and Stated Clerk.

Item 27. *Juniata Classis* will meet in Grace Reformed church, Mann's Choice, Pa., May 18th, 1904, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. P. A. DeIong, President; Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer and Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

Synod took the following action concerning the declination of Virginia Classis in item 3. "This Synod does not allow the claims of Virginia Classis of having paid its full portion of the $17,000 endowment for Catawba College."

The item, together with the report of the Committee on Catawba College, pp. 40-42 Minutes of Synod, 1902, was referred to a special committee, Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., George A. Snyder and Elder J. A. Diehl, to report next year.

For action on item 12 see Article XIX, Church Government.

The Classes which failed to assume all the apportionments sent down to them by Synod, items 3, 4, 5, were urged to assume all such apportionments in full hereafter.

The remaining items were severally adopted.

NOTE.—The following data are supplied by the Stated Clerk of North Carolina Classis: Rev. Wm. H. Stubblebine, Ph.D., was received by the Classis of North Carolina from the Classis of Miami, Synod of Ohio, February 8th, 1902.—Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Examination and Licensure would respectfully report that nothing within the scope of their functions claimed their attention, so they have nothing to report. Respectfully submitted,

I. N. PEIGHTEL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: "Grace be with you, mercy and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father in truth and love."

The review of the state of religion and morals in the Synod of the Potomac, as set forth in the reports on this subject presented by the several Classes, and referred to your committee, awakens gratitude, and calls for praise to God, our heavenly Father, for the unnumbered blessings He has been pleased to bestow upon the labors of His servants, and for the great use He has so graciously made of His Church, in the ministry of His Word for the salvation of men.

These reports unite in expressions of grateful recognition of the Lord's leading and helping hand in all the work of the Church. They all breathe a hopeful spirit in speaking of the outlook for the future efforts of God's servants, for all the Classes report of unusual prosperity attending the labors of nearly all the congregations in every sphere of Christian effort.

The work of God everywhere within your bounds is in a most healthy and vigorous state, and whilst perhaps in no case measuring up to all the expectations of the toilers, the proofs of God's faithful assistance are everywhere abundant, and on every hand the evidences of progress out of the plans of Synod's work are most encouraging.

The Word of God has been preached with unvarying fidelity and unchanging regularity, and the servants of the church have thus shown their adherence to the historic policy of our denomination, which, in all times, has emphasized the importance of faithfully preaching the Word of God in its purity as set forth in the standards of the Church. And it is, above everything, highly gratifying to record both the faithfulness of the ministry and the favor with which God so attended these services, as to make His Word accomplish that whereunto He sent it into the world.

The Sacraments have been administered and the members of the congregations have generally participated in accepting the opportunity thus offered, to enjoy the assurance and seal of God that remission of sin and life eternal are given them for the sake of that one sacrifice of Christ accomplished upon the cross.

The children of our families have been baptized, and, except in one Classis, the adults have in larger numbers and in increasing proportion, availed themselves of the privilege, in celebrating the Lord's Supper, of showing forth the Lord's death and at the same time being nourished and fed unto everlasting life, with the crucified body and shed blood of Jesus Christ.

The Church has not been negligent of her obligations to her baptized children, and the reports show a marked adherence of the denomination to the instruction of the children and youth of the churches in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion, by means of careful catechisation by her earnest and faithful pastors.

These means of grace have been fruitful in the life of the people. The number of confirmations is larger; the attendance upon the regular services of the sanctuary is almost universally good; the benevolent operations of the Church have been supported as never before; and in every other way the fruit of the Spirit is abounding in all our Classes to the glory of God in increased devotion of the Church in all the forms of Christian activity. But whilst this is the general tone of the reports as a whole, there is also considerable evidence that our Church has not attained to the highest degree of usefulness. Much remains to be desired, and calls for renewed consecration to the work God has given His servants to do. But in the light of the reports it ought to be said that these shortcomings cannot

be looked upon as other than a call to furher service, in which there is little to discourage and much to encourage those who love the prosperity of Zion.

In every report are found records of new churches built and of old ones repaired and renovated; and it is particularly encouraging to note that in many places church debts have been paid and new buildings consecrated without any debt to embarrass any future work of the church.

This prosperity is by no means confined to local work. The great missionary, educational and other charitable enterprises of the whole Church enjoy the benefit of the renewed active life of the Church in a way to make it a pleasure to renew it.

What may thus be reported as touching the general body of the Church is equally true of the special forms of effort. The Sunday-school, missionary and young people's societies occasion, in all the Classes, which report on their work, gratification for the success which has attended these particular forms of Christian service, and this Synod may well share in this joy of the Classes.

There is in each report a note of sorrow. Here and there fields are without pastors and the work lags; and thus the call for more ministers of the gospel is thus strongly emphasized, and this Synod may well make renewed effort to seek out and prepare worthy young men to consecrate themselves to the service of God in the ministry of His Word.

Faithful pastors have been called from toil to rest and their vacant places remain to admonish us to be faithful while it is the day, seeing that the night cometh when no man can work.

Perhaps the saddest note is sounded by the record of the calling from the side of faithful pastors the loving sharers of their labors, and the inspiring brightness of their homes. Unrecognized, too often, the minister's wife suffers all the hardships of the pastor's life without the inspiration and encouragement which comes to their husbands from meetings of Classes and Synod. Without a complaint, in the love they bear the Church they minister in every way to the growth of the Church, even when that is done without the least appreciation from those for whom the effort is made. No one on earth can even possibly tell how much these daughters of grace have done for the good and well-being of the congregation. By cheering the pastoral home life, they strengthen the hands and encourage the hearts of the more recognized laborers, until the lines of anxiety and care strongly draw themselves over their faces. They find all their reward in the strengthening the work entrusted to husbands; and in so supporting them in hours of arduous trial as to make their hard life sweetest when in the limits of the home circle, the ministers truly withdraw from the

weariness of others' troubles into the joy of homes these have made. They have entered into their rest. May God reward what we have failed to recognize in the trials of their earthly labors.

But with all that is sad, and in full view of all that might have been better in the past that is so full of encouragement, we enter with comfort as to our losses and with joy as to our gains, into the work of the future with renewed consecration, seeing that He who hath thus far led and owned His work will in no wise fail us in all we undertake in His name and to His praise.

With firm faith in His promises and with an abiding confidence in His word, we take courage and look up, and take up His work, relying upon Him for help in time of need, for strength in days of duty, for guidance in moments of doubt, and for assurance in all our labors under the privileges and responsibilities resting on us as His servants and ambassadors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCHICK, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

On Thursday the annual reports of the Board of Education; of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College; of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.; of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, and of Rev. John S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D., President of Franklin and Marshall College, were received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The several reports were as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Board of Education offers to your reverend body their annual report for the year ending in July, 1903.

The Board met according to adjournment in annual session at Chambersburg, Pa., in Zion's Reformed church, on July 15, at 2 p. m. Only five members of the Board were present, namely Rev. J. T. Rossiter, D.D., Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Rev. J. David Miller and Rev. S. U. Waugaman.

The Board organized for the ensuing year by re-electing Dr. Rossiter as president and Rev. J. David Miller as treasurer.

Our beloved and efficient secretary, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, on last November 1st was called to his reward.

The vacancy created by his departure is now filled by Rev. S. U. Waugaman.

Owing to the fact that many of the stated clerks of the different Classes had failed to send in reports of the students and applications for aid, the Board was therefore laboring under many disadvantages occasioned in part by the death of our faithful secretary, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier.

Students Aaron M. Gluck, of Mercersburg Classis; Blanchard Allen Black and John Edward Stone, of Juniata Classis, and William H. Causey, of North Carolina Classis, graduated from the Seminary last May.

Next in order was the examination of students' reports, their grade papers and recommendations from Classis. With reference to those students, whose applications were not sent in, conditional action was taken, granting aid if the requirements of the Board were complied with. The following loans were made for the ensuing year, appropriating $150 to each student: Seminary Senior, Henry W. Kochenderfer; Seminary Middlers, Edward S. Lamar, John H. Detrick, Charles E. Meyers, Dallas R. Krebs; Seminary Juniors, Edward A. G. Herman, Vernon S. Rice, Milton Whitener; College Sophomores, George Missel, Linden H. Rice, H. T. Iams, Oliver S. Hartman.

At the present time we have no college juniors or seniors enrolled.

Twelve students will receive aid from the Board of Education during the current year. These students are distributed at the different institutions as follows: Franklin and Marshall College, 3; Lancaster Theological Seminary, 5; Ursinus College, 1; Ursinus School of Theology, 3.

Our number of beneficiaries seems to be less each year. Our average in the last ten years is twenty beneficiaries, and at present with a rapidly growing church and our greatest membership, only twelve students.

The Board was greatly delighted to know that nine of our ministers who were beneficiaries have served successfully for five years in the ministry and are therefore entitled to the return of their bonds. The names of these brethren are: Rev. Ross Wicks, Rev. David J. Wolf, Rev. F. L. Kerr, Rev. L. C. Harnish, Rev. Louis C. Summer, Rev. Chas. E. Wagner, Rev. H. H. Hartman, Rev. U. C. E. Gutelius.

The Board felt it their duty in the case of Howard R. Miller, Edgar Lingenfelter, Ezra D. Lantz and Victor A. Barnhart, young men who solicited aid from the Church and have now

gone into secular business, to instruct the proper authorities over them to collect from them the amounts they received from the Church through the Board. These young men received their appropriations at first in seemingly good faith, and now have abandoned the idea of entering the Christian ministry.

The Board also felt the necessity of asking pastors through the Synod and Classes to pay the apportionment for beneficiary education early in the year, so that students under the care of the Board may receive their appropriations promptly. We ask for promptness, not only because it is right to meet an obligation according to contract, but also on account of the moral discipline that promptness will impart to the student whom we aid. A student in college and seminary is passing through a very critical time in life, a formative period in which character is set and firmly fixed, and we can expect more of our beneficiaries when they get out in the active ministry if we give them good substantial training in finance, as well as in mind and morals. And since the duty of the Board to the beneficiary which means most in helping him on in his course, is the prompt payment of the quarterly loans, therefore let pastors encourage the payment of moneys for beneficiary education as well as for all other objects in the classical apportionment.

It will be necessary at this meeting of Synod to elect five members for the Board of Education. The terms of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer and Rev. J. David Miller will expire with this meeting of Synod. The term of Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier also would have expired at this meeting of Synod. Therefore three members must be elected for three years. Also the vacancy created by the resignations of Dr. C. R. Diffenbacher and Rev. S. U. Waugaman will necessitate the election of one member to serve out the unexpired term of two years, and of one member for one year.

It will be necessary to apportion $1,800 for Beneficiary Education.

We also wish to remind the Stated Clerks of the various Classes that they should send in to the Board all reports from students and have all overtures from Classis in the hands of the secretary before the annual meeting of the Board next July.

S. U. WAUGAMAN, *Secretary.*

Report of Treasurer.

J. David Miller, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education.

RECEIPTS.

From	Amount in Treasury July 16, 1902	$171 16
"	Maryland Classis	496 31
"	Zion's Classis	4 00
"	Mercersburg Classis	303 54

"	Juniata Classis	300 00
"	Carlisle Classis	200 36
"	Gettysburg Classis	200 00
"	North Carolina Classis	100 00
"	Virginia Classis	150 00
"	Rev. Chas. B. Rebert (refunded)	35 00
		$1,960 37

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid	Mr. William H. Causey	$150 00
"	Mr. Blanchard A. Black	150 00
"	Mr. Ed. S. Lamar	150 00
"	Mr. H. W. Kochenderfer	150 00
"	Mr. Dallas R. Krebs	150 00
"	Mr. Aaron M. Gluck	150 00
"	Mr. Edw. A. G. Herman	150 00
"	Mr. John H. Detrich	150 00
"	Mr. Chas. E. Myers	150 00
"	Mr. John E. Stone	150 00
"	Mr. Vernon S. Rice	150 00
"	Mr. Milton Whitener	50 00
"	Mr. W. S. Clapp	50 00
"	Postage	1 36
Balance in Treasury, July 15, 1903		209 01
		$1,960 37

Respectfully submitted,

J. David Miller,
Treasurer of Board of Education.

We, the undersigned, examined the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, compared it with the vouchers and found it correct.

W. C. Cremer,
Wm. C. Schaeffer.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College beg leave to report as follows:

For the year ending June, 1903, the receipts of the school were	$77,978 11
Expenses	66,886 17
Receipts above expenses	$11,091 94

At our annual meeting in June the Board organized by re-electing the same officers as those of last year. The term of service of three members of the Board, viz: Rev. I. N. Peightel, Samuel Hoeflich, Esq., and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., expires with this Synod. Since our last annual report the Board elected Rev. J. B. Shontz to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, whose term would have expired in 1905. At our last meeting Rev. C. R. Diffenbacher, whose term would have expired in 1904, resigned because of his removal from the bounds of this Synod. No one was chosen to fill his

place, so it will be necessary for this Synod to select five members of the Board. Three for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. The Board at present consists of Rev. M. O. Noll, Rev. J. B. Shontz, Rev. F. F. Bahner, D.D., Rev. C. A. Santee, A. R. Schnebly, Esq., Rev. I. N. Peightel, Samuel Hoeflich, Esq., E. J. Bonbrake, Esq.; Rev. C. J. Musser; J. W. Witherspoon, Esq., J. H. Shook, Esq., G. A. Wood, Esq., Henry Spangler, Esq., and W. Rush Gillan; there being one vacancy as above mentioned.

Ten years ago Mercersburg College could have been summed up as follows:

Fifty students, four instructors, one building, four acres of land, and a debt of almost $5,000. Now there are 327 students registered, while thirty were turned away for want of accommodation, twenty-five were under age and more than a dozen were unable to furnish proper recommendations. These students are from all parts of the United States. Last year eighty were graduated and the Senior class this year numbers about one hundred. Thirteen hundred different boys have been enrolled in the ten years.

The faculty consists of twenty-one instructors who not only teach but have charge of athletic teams, all school publications, the literary societies, the study halls and the dormitories.

Fourteen buildings are used by the school at present. Eight of these are over-flow dormitories, cottages rented in the town for the accommodation of students until the new dormitory is completed.

By the end of this school year improvements which cost $120,000 will have been made, with an indebtedness of $20,000. As a result of this expenditure, the college owns at this time sixty-three acres of land. North Cottage and South Cottage have been remodeled and enlarged. A large wing has been added to the Main Hall, including a chapel, class rooms, society halls and dormitories for students. Keil Hall, containing a handsome dining room, 42 by 104 feet, a kitchen and rooms for fifty-two students, has been erected. The Samuel A. Thomas Memorial Cage has been built. An athletic field and track have been acquired. A new dormitory, with accommodation for one hundred and twenty students, is being erected at present.

The thoroughness of the work done by the school is proved by the fact that our boys are found in forty colleges and on the honor rolls of ten of these.

In addition to the stress placed upon the correct speaking and writing of English in the school, three literary societies are maintained and a weekly, a monthly and an annual are issued by the students.

Regular work is done in oratory and in music. To meet the requirements of the latter department, a glee club, a mandolin and guitar club, and an orchestra are maintained.

The school library contains three thousand volumes, and is becoming a working force in the training of the students.

The athletic teams are under trained men at every practice period. Three football teams are maintained, giving exercise to sixty men. Forty men are doing track work. About twenty-five are playing basket ball, and the others are either taking calisthenics or military drill. In all these exercises the students are under the oversight of a competent trainer.

For the welfare of the students an infirmary, attended by a trained nurse, is maintained.

The following religious exercises are held at the school: Sunday morning and Vesper services, Y. M. C. A. prayer meeting, Bible study and daily chapel service. Last year $1,100 were raised for Dr. Beam's salary. $100 were given as a personal gift to him, but it will be expended for a microscope. $400 were given to the hospital in China and the school has made itself responsible for the salary of the head master of the new boys' school in China. The regular Sunday morning collection will be devoted to the education of Chinese boys (at $25 a year). The College has its own pastor this year.

Four additional prizes have been given since last year: One of $10 in memory of Mr. Karchner, the donor has not yet stated for what this prize shall be given; one of $10 and one of $5 by Mr. McLaughlin for the best two speakers on the commencement stage; one of $20 by the President of the Board of Regents for the best biographical sketch of a prominent American; and one of $50 by Mr. Farnsworth, of Harrisburg, Pa., to be given in an oratorical contest.

A very important feature of the College life is the quiet work done by Mrs. Irvine. She calls upon all of the students and learns to know them. She also carries on an extensive correspondence with parents, thus gaining a certain insight into the students' natures to which instructors, by virtue of their positions cannot attain.

The school makes it a point to help many worthy fellows of limited means. Fifty-seven such are at Mercersburg now working as table waiters, etc., and their presence is a great benefit to the others. A special rate is offered to the sons of Reformed ministers and quite a number are availing themselves of the opportunity.

For some years to come the school will not admit more than the present number of students. There are several reasons for this. The dormitories are now full. That personal contact between the head of the school and the student and parents

which has meant so much in past years is almost impossible with a school larger than the present enrollment. The aim of the school is to be thorough, not large. That it could be large goes without saying, when we bear in mind that it is in third or fourth place in this country, and the number of boys turned away would have put it nearer the top. Thorough class work and full rounded development are being aimed at and each year sees additional progress in this line.

We have made this report longer than any report heretofore made during the present management of the institution. We have done this in the hope that we may in this manner bring to the Church the full realization of the fact that this school, owned and controlled by this Synod, is doing a work for the church which entitles it to the hearty sympathy and full co-operation of every person within its bounds. The best way to speed the progress of the church and to advance the civilization of the world is by the Christian education of its boys.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Rush Gillan, *President.*

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., hereby presents its annual report.

At the meeting held in April last Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., was elected President; Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Secretary, and A. C. McCardell, Treasurer.

We have now completed ten years of college work—years of earnest, unremitting effort to carry out the policy and realize the aim that was in the mind of the Synod when it created this Board with authority to locate and esablish a woman's college.

The past year was in some respects the most successful in its history, and its commencement was more than usually enthusiastic and inspiring. The whole number of students enrolled was 161, of whom 60 were boarders.

Eight were graduated in the Literary Department, three in Music and three in Elocution.

The total receipts for the year were $15,926.77. The total expenses, including supplies, rents, salaries, repairs, etc., were $15,639.91. Earnings over all expenses were $286.86.

The assets in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., in July, 1903, were $3,822.64.

The several rentals of the college and conservatory buildings for the year have been paid.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Board and of the Treasurer of the current expenses have been audited and found correct.

Endowment fund invested, $24,483.42. Cash in hand, $137.01. Total endowment fund, $24,620.43.

A cursory review of the past ten years will best indicate the progress that has been made. When the College opened in 1893 there were two buildings, a faculty of eight teachers, an enrollment of about 80 students of which 30 were boarders, an equipment of one grand and four square pianos of its musical department, without a library worthy of the name, or a laboratory, or a gymnasium, or an infirmary, and without one dollar in the treasury, or any other resources.

We close the decade with the two buildings materially increased in capacity, and a Conservatory of Music and Art added. The faculty of eight has grown to sixteen regular teachers and eight assistants. From a musical department of two lady teachers, we have now a Conservatory of Music, with a faculty of six, three men and three women. The one grand and four square pianos of uncertain age have increased to three concert grands and thirteen others, mostly uprights.

The average enrollment for the ten years has been 150 and the total enrollment 659 different students.

The financial operations of the College have caused the management the most concern. We began in leased buildings, for the rent of which we were responsible, without any resources other than the good will of the Synod. The receipts have increased from about $9,000, the first year, to nearly $20,000, the past year, aggregating over $150,000. The expenditures have been but a few hundred dollars less. The policy of the Board has not been to make money, but to give our patrons in turn for this investment, all that it was possible to give and yet remain solvent.

With all the increased advantages in instruction, with the improved comfort and conveniences in the buildings, and the enlarged equipment, our rates have not been raised to any proportionate extent. We are giving our patrons what costs us more than they invest. This is made possible as the result of a partial endowment.

The College equipment has grown through the aid of generous friends, without drawing upon the revenues of the institution. The value of the accessions to the library alone is over $1,500. It has been indexed and is in charge of a trained librarian, and is thus made more helpful to the work of all departments.

The college buildings have been renovated during the past summer, and were never in better condition.

The President has moved into a separate residence just opposite the main College Building, and thereby we have secured several additional much-needed rooms. To further provide for the students coming to us, we have been obliged to rent a large room, adjoining the conservatory, known as Kemp Hall, to which the Art Department has been transferred, thus releasing three rooms on the third story of the Conservatory Building for boarding students, and by this same change making the Art Department more comfortable than it has heretofore been.

The present enrollment is 151, of which 74 are boarders. We have contracted with the W. W. Kimball Co., of Chicago, for a $2,500 "Tubular Pneumatic Pipe Organ," to be installed in College Hall by the end of October. From friends of the College there has been secured about two-thirds of the amount needed for the payment of the same, and we hope to provide for the balance without drawing upon the funds of the College.

In this decade there has been great advance as to entrance requirements and also as to scope and quality of College work. It has required faith and courage to so raise the standard as thereby to greatly enhance the value of its diploma.

The Church ought to do the best that is possible for her daughters. Woman is not only ordained to be man's companion, but she becomes, by her intrinsic qualities, his leader. For good or evil she gives the tone to society. From the cradle to the grave men are conditioned far more by women than by one another. A mother's influence exceeds that of any other person. The Church owes it to herself to develop all woman's powers, and to stimulate a holy fire within her breast.

The College has won its way to recognition among the institutions of the land, and is among the best of its class. Its intellectual and spiritual life cannot be measured by material standards. It asks your hearty sympathy and co-operation. It needs its fair share of the benevolent contributions for educational purposes. It should be equipped to do for our daughters, in the way of opportunity for their true culture, what is being done for our sons.

We point to the results of the past with a degree of reasonable pride, and as we face the future there is an inspiring outlook.

The time of service of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., will expire with December 31st, 1903, and his successor should be chosen at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH,

President of the Board of Directors.

Frederick, Md., Oct. 19, 1903.

Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Trustees of Catawba College beg leave to present the following report:

One hundred and eighty-five students were enrolled during the scholastic year ending May 21, 1903. Of these thirty-one were in the collegiate department, one hundred and eleven in the academic department, twenty-eight in the primary department, twenty-six studied music and twenty-nine took the business course.

At the commencement in May three young men were graduated from the institution, viz: M. Z. Whitener, W. S. Clapp and J. D. Huggins. Mr. Whitener is in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and Mr. Clapp is in the Ursinus School of Theology at Philadelphia. Mr. Huggins is teaching school in South Carolina.

The fall term of school opened September 2, 1903, and at present one hundred and fifty-five pupils are enrolled. Sixty-four of these board at the boarding hall and twenty-seven of this number are girls. Twenty-three are studying music.

The charter of the College makes it necessary for twelve members of the Board of Trustees to be present in order to elect a president or professor in the College. Difficulty has been experienced in getting this number together at the annual meetings of the Board, and as a result the teachers have been elected yearly. This is unsatisfactory, as it causes uncertainty in the minds of the patrons as to the teaching force of each year. The teachers this year are as follows: C. H. Mebane, President; W. A. Weaver, Professor of Greek and History; P. M. Trexler, D.D., Professor of English; J. B. Leonard, Instructor in Latin; Miss Irma Whitmore, Teacher of Music; Miss Rosa Rows has charge of the Business Department, and Miss Bertha Herman is the Principal of the Primary School; Mrs. Belle Cecil, matron.

During the year about $200 were raised and spent on improvements on the buildings. This amount was spent in adding new furniture in the dormitories, putting blinds on the windows and painting. During the last three years the furniture in the buildings for boys and girls has been replaced by new.

C. H. Mebane, who has been in charge of the school for the last three years, says that he has had no trouble in securing students to come to Catawba, but has not been able to hold them, and the reason he gives that the accommodations are meagre and that we have not the strong teaching force. He says, "The great need of the College is a strong teaching force and equipment for the faculty to work with."

The Trustees at the last annual meeting secured the Rev. P. M. Trexler, D.D., as financial agent, and started him in the field to canvass the Classis of North Carolina with a view of raising $5,000 for the purpose of erecting new buildings. H. L. Beam, who had been elected to the chair of English, and after accepting the same failed to come because of the nature of his work in Illinois. This made it necessary for the Board to recall Dr. Trexler from the field and place him in the College as teacher. The Board hopes in a short time to find a person for the place and then to have Dr. Trexler vigorously prosecute the work of the financial agent.

The terms of office of the following trustees will expire in 1904: L. R. Whitener, J. F. Symre, L. Everhardt, M. J. Rowe, L. M. Peeler and W. A. Pence. It is the duty of Synod to name the successors to these persons.

The indebtedness of the College is about $4,000. The endowment fund has not been increased during the year.

Herewith we present the

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR MAY, 1902, TO MAY, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report	$ 12 67	
Received of Potomac Synod	556 40	
Received interest on Endowment notes	622 66	
Received from Boarding Club	768 18	
Received on old tuition	893 22	
Received tuition, Fall Term, 1902	1,012 22	
Received tuition, Spring Term, 1903	772 64	
Borrowed from Shuford's Bank	500 00	
Received from other sources	89 47	
Due the Treasurer (advanced)	303 35	
		$5,530 81
Collected on Building Funds for College from May, 1902, to May, 1903	$ 371 68	
Collected on Building Fund by former treasurer prior to May, 1902	1,884 51	
		$2,256 19
Indebtedness of College (about)		$ 4,000 00
Endowment		10,000 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid note at Shuford's Bank	$ 500 00
" Treasurer's salary	100 00
" Expenses of Boarding Club	318 17
" On piano	114 31
" Teachers	3,581 22
" On furniture	128 47
" Interest	66 00
" For band	25 05
" Interest on Roller Fund	60 00
" For carpet	57 68
" For lumber for hall	34 35

"	For wood	50 00
"	For insurance	30 00
"	Librarian and expenses	43 25
"	Board of Music and Primary Teacher	85 91
"	Diplomas	17 07
"	Hardware	33 31
"	Work on buildings	79 05
"	Printing	18 00
"	Advertising	15 50
"	Postage and stationery	31 00
"	Incidental expenses	142 47
		$5,530 81

M. J. ROWE,
Treasurer Catawba College,

The needs of Catawba College are many. We need to have a permanent faculty—men who will identify themselves with the institution and consecrate themselves to the work of education in the Reformed Church in the South. For this the Trustees have been laboring and praying. New building or additional buildings and better equipments are needed. An endowment fund is a necessity. Laying the interests of your school in the South upon the hearts and minds of the membership of the Potomac Synod, this report is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH L. MURPHY,
President of the Board of Trustees.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: I herewith submit to your reverend body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, for the year ending May 14, 1903.

1. The Seminary opened on Thursday, September 11, 1902.

2. The following persons were admitted to the Junior Class:

John F. Buchheit,
Charles P. Freeman,
Harry C. Kehm,
Edwin Simon Lamar,
Charles Edward Meyers,
Jacob D. Ranck,
Edwin E. Romig,
Cyrus George Shupe,
John Hassler Detrick,
Elnathan Lewis Higbee,
Henri L. G. Kieffer,
W. D. Marburger,
Samuel Edward Moyer,
Wm. E. Rittenhouse,
Charles Edgar Roth,
Jacob Wm. Zehring.

Of this number Jacob D. Ranck and Edwin E. Romig are ministers of other denominations and are pursuing a partial course. The members of this class passed their examinations satisfactorily and were advanced to the Middle Class. Total 16.

3. The members of the Middle Class passed satisfactory examinations and were advanced to the Senior Class. Total 8.

4. Wm. B. Koehler of the Senior Class was called to his reward during the year. By his death the institution suffered the loss of one who stood high in the esteem of his professors and enjoyed the affection and respect of his classmates.

Franklin P. Miller, after having pursued his studies regularly from September, 1899, to February, 1901, was called to a professorship in the Kutztown Normal Institute. Since then he has pursued his studies privately, having taken two years for the Senior course. He was examined before the Board in May, 1901, as a Middler, and in May, 1903, as a Senior, and graduated with his class. In this exceptional case the Board passed upon the merits of his work and the peculiar circumstances in which this student was placed, and in graduating him affirmed no policy as to the future. Each extraordinary case must be considered and decided on its own merits. The examinations of the Senior Class were satisfactory and the testimonial was granted to the graduates:

Frank Kaufman Baker,
Blanchard Allen Black,
Paul Samuel Bridenbaugh,
Edward David Bright,
Perry Crothers Byers,
Wm. Henry Causey,
Calvin Martin DeLong,
Elias Franklin Faust,
Aaron Manns Gluck,
Daniel Gress,
Benj. Keener Hay,
Samuel Charles Hoover,
Wm. H. Kerschner,
Edwin S. Leinbach,
Franklin Pierce Miller,
Charles Lewis Noss,
Richard Radcliffe,
Clayton Haverstick Ranck,
Frank Wilbur Shulenberger,
Simon Sipple,
Calvin K. Staudt,
Karl Stein,
Charles Warlick,
Kitutaro Yoshida.

Of the above Frank H. Baker and Richard Radcliffe are ministers of other denominations. Total 24.

5. At the request of the graduating Class the usual order of graduation exercises was changed. Instead of essays to be read by members of the class an address by one of the alumni was substituted. The address was delivered by Rev. A. S. Weber, D.D. The Board approved the above change for this particular year but declined to make it permanent. For good and sufficient reasons it determined to preserve the old custom as one better for the student body.

6. The Board is gratified to report through the faculty that the scholarship and conduct of the students have been satisfactory.

7. One of our professors, Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D., was, in December last, ordered by his physician to suspend for a time all work in his department, and, under a later order of his physician, Dr. Rupp was constrained to suspend his labors for the remainder of the Seminary year. After a season of rest he was able to be present at the examinations without taking

part therein. It is our hope that his improvement will be permanent and that his valuable services may be continued. We note with grateful appreciation the fact that the other professors, of their own volition and so far as their duties would permit, divided the studies of Dr. Rupp's department among themselves, so that the students should not be wholly deprived of this part of their course.

8. The Board respectfully asks the three Synods to provide seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750) for the employment of a Professor of Oratory, the said sum to be divided as follows: Eastern Synod, $375; Pittsburgh Synod, $125; Synod of the Potomac, $250.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER.

Harrisburg, Pa., October 5, 1903.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find the abstract of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The first meeting was held on May 10th, 1903, when the following officers were elected: President, John W. Appel, Esq.; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

The second meeting was held October 6th, 1903.

Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander reported that the Endowment Fund of the Swander Memorial Fund was in excellent condition.

The Endowment Fund was reduced $900.30 by the cancellation of worthless paper.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to appropriate $2,400 toward the payment of the annual expenses of the Seminary in the following ratio: Eastern Synod, $1,200; Potomac Synod, $800; Pittsburgh Synod, $400.

Resolved, That the attention of the Synods be respectfully called again to the deficit which now amounts to $7,646.28, and which will be increased by the necessary expenses of repainting the Seminary Building and the reinsurance of the property.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report.

Synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, Treasurer, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, to October 1, 1903:

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1902.				
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund General	$95,948 26	
Oct.	25.	Received from Wilhelm Estate	383 67	
			$96,331 93	
		Amount of Fund, special, J. Riegel	15,680 00	
		Amount of Fund, special, W. A. Wilt	833 33	
				$112,845 26

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT, TREAS.

1903.		Dr.		
Oct.	1.	To sundry income and interest received from Oct. 1, 1902, to Oct. 1, 1903		$7,561 95
		Cr.		
		By salary accounts and sundry bills paid from Oct. 1, 1902, to Oct. 1, 1903	$8,223 73	
1902.				
Oct.	1.	By balance due Endowment Fund	6,984 50	
				$15,208 23
		Amount Dr. brought down		7,561 95
		Amount due Endowment Fund		$7,646 28

LIBRARY FUND.

1902.		Dr		
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund		$1,819 96
		Balance due Fund	$56 34	
		Interest received	85 30	
				$141 64
		Cr.		
		By Sundry bills paid per vouchers		129 36
		Balance due Oct. 1, 1903		$12 28

SMALTZ FUND ACCOUNT.

1903.				
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund		$5,000 00
		Dr.		
		Interest Oct. 1, 1902, to Oct. 1, 1903	$250 00	
		Cr.		
		By interest paid to John Hertzler, Treas. Beneficiary Board Education	$250 00	

WILLIAM A. WILT FUND.

1903.				
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund		$833 33
		Dr.		
		Interest to date	$41 66	
		And accounted for in the current expenses of the Theological Seminary.		

SCHAFF PRIZE FUND.

1902.

Amount of Fund $2,000 75

DR.

May 8. Balance due Fund $16 91

1903.

May 8. Interest to date $94 20

$111 11

1903. CR.

May 11. By amount prize paid for award of Committee $100 00

Sundry charges 1 00

$101 00

Balance due Fund $10 11

SEMINARY CLASS 1892 PRIZE FUND.

1902.

May 8. Amount of Fund $479 56

1903. DR.

May 8. Interest to May 8, 1903 ..... $23 97

CR.

By amount paid Prize per award Committee $20 00

Charges 50

$20 50

1903. Balance due Fund $3 47

May 8. Balance due added to principal $3 47

$483 03

JACOB Y. DIETZ PRIZE FUND.

1903.

Apr. 1. Amount of Fund $2,000 00

Interest bearing from April 1, 1903.

JOHN L. RIEGEL FUND.

1902.

Amount of Fund $15,680 00

All interest on this Fund is accounted for in the Treasurer's account of current expenses of the Theological Seminary to Oct. 1, 1903.

JACOB FORNEY LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

Amount of Fund $1,000 00

1902. DR

Oct. 1. Balance due Fund $46 52

Interest to Oct. 1, 1903..... 45 00

$91 52

CR.

By amount paid per vouchers to Oct. 1, 1903 ..... $48 67

Balance due Fund, Oct. 1, 1903..... $42 85

ANDREW KEISER AND CATHARINE W. SCHRIVER LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

		Amount of Fund		$1,000 00
1903.		Dr.		
Oct.	1.	Balance due Fund	$94 78	
		Interest to Oct. 1, 1903	45 00	
		Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1903	$139 78	

HENRY WIRT ALCOVE FUND.

		Amount of Fund		$1,000 00
1902.		Dr		
Oct.	1.	Balance due Fund	$42 64	
1903.				
Sept.	9.	Interest to Oct. 1, 1903	45 00	
			$87 64	
		Cr.		
1902.				
Nov.	10.	By bills paid per vouchers	$17 20	
		Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1903	$70 44	

1894.

SEMINARY CLASS '94 ALCOVE FUND.

July	1.	Amount of notes placed in hands of Treasurer for collection		$981 00
1903.		Dr.		
Sept.	9.	Amount of notes paid to date	$503 00	
Sept.	9.	Unpaid notes in Treasurer's hands	478 00	
				$981 00
1903.				
Oct.	1.	Interest in hands of Treasurer as Cr., on Fund	$81 22	

LECTURE FUND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1902.		Dr		
Oct.	1.	Balance due Fund	$11 56	
1903.		Cr.		
Mar.	12.	By check to C. K. Staudt, Treas.	$11 77	
		Amount Dr. brought down	11 56	
		Balance due Treasurer	21	

JACOB Y. DIETZ LIBRARY FUND.

		Amount of Fund	$ 4,000 00
		Interest bearing from April 1, 1903.	

1903.

PITTSBURG PROFESSORSHIP FUND.

Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund		$30,500 00
		Dr.		
Oct.	1.	Interest received on same to date	$1,815 00	
		Cr.		
Oct.	1.	Interest paid Wm. Rupp, D.D.	1,815 00	

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND

1902.				
Oct. 8.	Amount received Eastern Synod, J. J. Nissley, Treas.	$141 90		
Oct. 11.	Amount Received Potomac Synod, Geo. N. Forney, Treas.	85 75		
Oct. 16.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, J. J. Nissley, Treas.	95 00		
Oct. 17.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, J. J. Nissley, Treas.	15 00		
Oct. 30.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, J. J. Nissley, Treas.	80 00		
1903.				
Apr. 14.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, S. M. Gingrich, Treas.	73 00		
Apr. 25.	Amount Received Pittsburgh Synod, Rev. D. H. Leader, Treas.	425 00		
May 5.	Amount Received A. Swenck, Norristown, Pa.	2 33		
May 5.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, S. M. Gingrich, Treas.	88 66		
May 6.	Amount Received North Carolina Classis, M. J. Rowe, Treas.	25 00		
May 29.	Amount Received Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod	52 49		
June 3.	Amount Received Potomac Synod, Geo. N. Forney, Treas.	344 98		
June 6.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, S. M. Gingrich	464 06		
Sept. 5.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, S. M. Gingrich	36 60		
				$1,929 77
1903.		Cr.		
Sept. 12.	By interest paid to Endowment Fund account to Oct. 1, 1903	$495 68		
Sept. 29.	By balance Seminary Aid Fund charged to Treasurer and accounted for in his Current Expense account	1,434 09		
				$1,929 77

STATEMENT OF ALL FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER.

October 1, 1903.

1902.	Endowment Fund, general	$95,948 26	
Oct. 25.	Received from Wilhelm Estate	383 67	
	Total General Fund	$96,331 93	
	Endowment Fund, special, J. Riegel.	$15,680 00	
	Endowment Fund, special, W. A. Wilt,	833 33	
	Total Endowment Fund Eastern Synod		$112,845 26
	Library Fund		1,819 96
	Smaltz Fund		5,000 00
	Class '92 Prize Fund		483 03
	Schaff Prize Fund		2,000 75
	Jacob Forney Alcove Fund		1,000 00
	Henry Wirt Alcove Fund		1,000 00
	A. Keiser and C. W. Schriver Alcove Fund		1,000 00

Seminary Class '94 Alcove Fund	981 00
Jacob Y. Dietz Library Fund	4,000 00
Jacob Y. Dietz Prize Fund	2,000 00
Endowment Fund Pittsburgh Synod	30,500 00
	$162,630 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH,

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Board to Examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we attended to the duty assigned us and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
JOHN W. APPEL,
Committee.

Oct. 3, 1903.

Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

At the late commencement of Franklin and Marshall College the following degrees were conferred:

A.B.

Guy Wilfred Bange,
Paul Shupe Barnhart,
Harry Andrews Bell,
Harry Murray Bitner,
Guy Pearce Bready,
Thomas Jacob Bright,
Calvin Austin Brown,
Jonas Franklin Bucher,
George Charles Clever,
William Martin Diefenderfer,
Whitel Morton Edwards,
Joseph Albert Eyler,
John Franklin Frantz,
William Seibert Gerhard,
Alfred Jasper Herman,
Edward Augustus G. Herman,
Levi Valmore Hetrick,
Frank Knode Hoffman,
John Adam Hollinger,
Norman Huffman,
Thomas Marcus Kressley,
Alvin Boyd Kuhn,
John Frank Marshall,
Elmer Paul Reiff,
Frederick Michael Richards,
John Nevin Schaeffer,
Edward Charles Seitz,
James Monroe Shellenberger,
Edmund Kailor Shroyer,
Wildy Victor Singer,
Aaron M. Snyder,
Elam Jacob Snyder,
Henry Moyer Snyder,
Claude Urban Stottlemeyer,
Oliver Retledge Strunk,
John Stanley Ulsh,
Harry Bomberger White,
Levi Nevin Wilson,
Calvin Arthur Ziegler.

Ph.B.

Edgar Joseph Stein.

The degree of A. M. in course was conferred upon the following graduates of the College:

Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, '75.
Mr. Abraham C. Kimler, '81.
Frederick Clement Moyer, '84.
Albert L. G. Hay, Esq., '88.
William M. Hollowbush, Esq., '93.
Rev. A. F. Nace, '94.
Rev. Moses A. Kieffer, '96.
Rev. Samuel H. Stein, '96.
Chas. G. Baker, Esq., '97.
Harold F. Diffenderffer, '98.
Rev. Henry L. Fogleman, '98.
H. W. Weidner, '98.
Rev. Frank K. Baker, '99.
Aaron W. Longenecker, '99.
Cyrus W. Fridy, '00.
A. Roswell Gilbert, '00.
Frank N. Hoffmeier, M. D., '00.
Rev. Harry W. Miller, '00.
M. W. Reed, M.D., '00.
W. B. Stottlemeyer, '00.

The following honorary degrees were conferred:

D.D.

Rev. William C. Schaeffer,
Rev. Walter Russell Breed,
Rev. J. Ritchie Smith,
Rev. T. J. Hacker,

In Absentia.

Rev. Prof. Frank Grether, Plymouth, Wis.
Rev. Wm. E. Hoy, Yochow, Hunan, China.

Litt. D.

Frank R. Diffenderfer, David McN. Stauffer,
In Absentia, Lloyd Mifflin.

Sci. D.

Joseph S. Harris, W. Wilberforce Deatrick,
Elwood L. Kemp.

LL.D.

Martin G. Brumbaugh, University of Pennsylvania.
In Absentia, Hon. John Stewart.

The college year, so far as the internal working of the institution is concerned, was an uneventful one. There were no serious cases of discipline, and the instruction of the class room was carried forward without interruption. In addition to this a good deal of outside work was done so as to keep the institution in touch with the community, secure new students, etc. This was done by means of correspondence, lectures, sermons, addresses and personal interviews. These efforts, and the celebration of the semi-centennial of the College, warranted the expectation of increased interest and larger attendance. It is pleasant to say that these expectations have been fully realized and that the outlook for the future in this respect is very encouraging. At the beginning of the Fall term of the present year there were enrolled 47 Freshmen and special students, 9 Sophomores, 2 Juniors and 5 Seniors, making a total of 63. The enrollment at the present time is 175.

A course of four lectures was given before the students during the past year by Revs. Drs. Walter Russell Breed, J. W. Meminger, N. C. Schaeffer, and John W. Appel, Esq. These lectures were greatly appreciated and proved both interesting and helpful to the students.

Important improvements were made in the old college buildings and on the grounds. Those made on the Williamson Athletic Field were especially noticeable. Some of the great annoyances to which the professors and students were heretofore subject have thus been removed, and a larger degree of decency and comfort secured, the influence of which cannot but be beneficial.

Prof. John Quincy Adams, who was last year appointed professor of oratory and assitant in English, and Mr. John G. Chalmers, physical instructor and director of the gymnasium, handed in their resignations, and in their place the Board of

Trustees, through their committees, appointed Prof. John M. Chambers and Mr. D. R. Brown respectively to these positions. Prof. H. H. Beck continues to serve as assistant professor in chemistry, and Dr. Charles P. Stahr, as lecturer on human anatomy and bacteriology and assistant to Prof. Schiedt in histology.

During the year a vacancy occurred in the Board of Trustees on account of the death of Calvin M. Bower, Esq., a valued member of that body. The vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mr. Jared Harper, of Bellefonte, Pa. The term of service of Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, D.D., LL.D., and B. F. Fackenthal, Jr., members of the Board of Trustees from the Eastern Synod, and that of Rev. William C. Schaeffer, D.D., of the Potomac Synod, expires this year. It is encumbent upon the respective Synods to fill these vacancies by an election at their annual session in October.

The finances of the College, as was to be anticipated, shows a larger deficit for the past year than for the previous year. In the first place, the expenditures for salaries, janitor service, fuel, gas and electricity were necessarily larger under the new conditions. In the next place, improvements at the main college building had become imperatively necessary, and these involved an outlay of $1,603.21. In addition to this sum, uninvested sums were temporarily used to pay the indebtedness on the Science Building, and thus a portion of interest was lost. The Treasurer reports the net expenses at $25,172.17. The income, not including contributions, is $19,033.48. This leaves a deficit of $6,138.69. The expenses, however, include an item of $1,000 which the College paid for the Rathvon collection of Coleoptera. This amount had been previously contributed for the purpose by Dr. Henry Bobb, of East Greenville, Pa.

The Science Building indebtedness gave the President a great deal of concern during the year. It was keenly felt that the amounts pledged should be speedily paid so that the conditional pledges also might be redeemed and the payment of interest stopped. The matter was presented to the three Synods in October last, and they all took favorable action looking to the final removal of the whole indebtedness. The Pittsburgh Synod has paid into the treasury $5,663.20, which together with $628.50 in pledges still due will make its full amount of $12,000. The Potomac Synod paid $5,000, which will discharge its amount of $12,000 when an unpaid pledge of $30.25 still due is redeemed. The committee of the Eastern Synod has been doing some work during the year and $517.50 have been paid in on a pledge of $2,000 which was expected to be raised in East Susquehanna Classis. The sums pledged and not yet paid into the treasury amount to about $15,500, so that there

ought to be raised to discharge the whole indebtedness on the Science Building about $6,000 in the Eastern Synod. This amount is needed because the furnishing of the building, the grading of the ground and the construction of walks added considerably to the cost of the building, and meanwhile interest on borrowed money has been accumulating. It is of the highest importance, therefore, that this matter should be speedily adjusted.

During the past year the fixtures for electric lighting in the Science Building were presented by Messrs. Watt & Shand, of Lancaster, at a cost of $500. The ladies of the faculty and friends in Lancaster have undertaken to furnish the reception room in the Science Building, which adds greatly to its appearance and to the comfort of visitors. The Linnaean Society is engaged in moving its collection into the Museum room of the Science Building. The Literary Societies have presented their collection of minerals, etc., to the Museum. Recently a set of Japanese armor and other Japanese curios were presented by Rev. Paul Lambert Gerhard, and a fine assortment of roses was planted in front of the Science Building by Mr. George B. Willson, of Lancaster, Pa.

A very valuable collection of terrestial shells, valued at $3,000, containing between six and seven thousand varieties, or about 16,000 specimens, carefully labeled, together with a conchological library valued at $400, has been presented to the College by Miss Eliza E. Smith, of Lancaster City. The collection was made and arranged by the Rev. Dr. A. B. Kendig, of Brookline, Mass., and is the life work of an enthusiastic collector, showing a high degree of industry, patience, skill and ability.

Dr. M. W. Raub, of Lancaster City, has donated his beautiful and valuable collection of birds to the College. He has also a large collection of insects which will go with the ornithological collection. As these treasures in the Museum are accumulating (and there are other valuable gifts in store for us) it becomes imperatively necessary to have a curator who will look after the interests of the Museum and keep the different collections in proper order. Dr. M. W. Raub has been elected to this position and we feel confident that he will render efficient service to the College. We have also received an intimation that before long another valuable contribution will be made to the College as a memorial to a deceased former student, but this matter has not advanced far enough to make a definite statement as to the form which the memorial will take. I have reason to believe that it will be on a generous scale.

The celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the College was an event of far-reaching significance and importance. The large

attendance and enthusiasm of the alumni and friends of the College, the notable addresses of the celebration, and especially those made by the representatives of other colleges and universities, the impressive exercises and ceremonials of commencement, all helped to make a profound impression. The celebration spoke of the past; it brought to light the respect and love for the College which are cherished by the community, and it has a significant bearing on the future, serving both to encourage and to stimulate all those who are actively engaged in promoting the welfare and prosperity of our beloved institution. It is a matter for profound gratitude that there was such widespread interest in the celebration and that the desire to make it a success was so universal. The thanks of the College are due to the alumni and friends in general who contributed to the success of this undertaking, but it would be unjust not to refer in terms of warmest appreciation to the generosity, zeal and devotion of the local committee, the indefatigable labors of its chairman and his associates, the liberality of the citizens of Lancaster, the splendid labors of Professors Hiester, Heller and Hartman, and the grand work of Mr. Samuel H. Ranck, whose efforts helped to shape the movement from the beginning and whose unwearied labors contributed not a little to the splendid results which followed. The Rev. Miles O. Noll, of Carlisle, Pa., whose services were secured by the committee and members of the Board of Trustees to assist in working up an interest in the celebration and make the necessary preparations for it, rendered very effective service during the short time he was at work and his labors are gratefully appreciated.

Special attention is called to the History of the College written by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Dubbs, and the catalogue of officers and students prepared by Mr. Samuel H. Ranck. These works are monuments of industry which have received very flattering notice on all sides. They reflect great credit upon their authors and upon the College and compare favorably with similar publications issued by the larger colleges and universities of the country.

It is felt on all sides that the most urgent need of the College now is an increase of the endowment. Efforts were made during the past year to get the movement in favor of such an increase properly started, and such preparatory steps were taken as the circumstances made possible. The time has come for a division of labor in the administration of affairs and a vigorous prosecution of the work of the College in the field. The question of relieving the president of a portion of the burdens and labors which he has been carrying was presented to the Board of Trustees and a committee was appointed by the Board with plenary powers to make such readjustment and arrange-

ment as the circumstances called for. This committee has taken steps to redistribute work at home and secure a vigorous canvass abroad. Professor Edwin M. Hartman has been appointed assistant to the president for the special purpose of keeping the College in touch with the community and prospective students and to push the effort now made to raise $150,000 as an addition to the endowment of the College. As is well known, generous pledges toward a larger endowment were made at the last commencement and the movement is gathering volume from week to week. The pledges and contributions of the Golden Jubilee movement up to this time amount to about $33,000, including a contribution of $5,000 as an additional endowment to the Daniel Scholl Observatory, by Mrs. Margaret E. M. Hood, and a gift of $10,000 by a friend whose name is withheld by request.

It is of the utmost importance, now, that the strength and enthusiasm of the alumni and friends of the College should be thrown into this endowment movement. Such an effort successfully carried out will not only secure the greatest possible benefit to the College, but it will also carry with it incidentally a great many other things essential to the advancement and prosperity of the College. In this way, with God's blessing, the fruits of the Golden Jubilee will be as significant for the future as they are helpful and encouraging in the present.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *Pres. F. and M. College.*

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Education reports that the following documents have been placed in its hands for consideration:

1. The Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa; the Catalogue of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.; the Cataoglue of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

2. The report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

3. The report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

4. The report of Rev. Dr. John S. Stahr, President of Franklin and Marshall College.

5. The report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

6. The report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

7. The report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.

8. The report of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac.

1. From the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary we learn that forty-eight students were in attendance during the last year. Of this number twenty-four completed the prescribed course. Their examinations were satisfactory. They were granted the usual testimonial and referred to their respective Classes for examination and licensure.

The attention of the Synod is called to the deficit in the income of the Seminary which now amounts to $7,646.28, and which will be increased by necessary expenses. This Synod is requested to appropriate $800 toward the payment of the annual expenses of the Seminary, and also to provide the sum of $250 for the part payment of the salary of a professor of oratory.

Your committee recommends the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod assumes the sum of $1,050 requested for the necessities of the Theological Seminary, and that this amount be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment among the several Classes.

Resolved, That the attention of all the pastors in this Synod be called to the imperative necessity of increasing the endowment fund of the Seminary and that they be urged to co-operate with the faculty of the Seminary in seeking gifts and bequests for this object.

2. Franklin and Marshall College during the past year, this, the oldest literary institution of our Church, celebrated the semi-centennial of its founding. It was an event of far-reaching significance and improtance, and it gave an impetus to the work for the College, serving both to encourage and stimulate all those who are engaged in promoting its welfare and prosperity. The report shows an increased number of students, and pledges and contributions amounting to $33,000. The enlarging of the work of the College involves increased expenses to meet which the present endowment is not sufficient. There is a deficit reported amounting to $6,138. It is of the utmost importance that the enthusiasm aroused by the celebration of the Golden Jubilee shall not be allowed to die out and that the great work of this College as an educational factor in the life of our Church be kept before the membership of our Synod.

3. *Resolved,* That we earnestly commend this institution of learning to the liberal support and patronage of our people.

4. *Resolved,* That the pastors and elders of this Synod be urged to heartily co-operate with the faculty and representatives of this College in their efforts to increase its endowment.

MERCERSBURG ACADEMY.

The report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College brings us the most cheering news of its continued prosperity. The report shows an enrollment of 327 students, 30 being turned away for want of accommodation. By the end of this school year improvements will have been made at a cost of $120,000, with an indebtedness of $20,000. The net receipts for the past year were $11,091.

5. *Resolved,* That we are grateful to our heavenly Father for the blessing which He has granted to this institution of learning.

6. *Resolved,* That we express our appreciation of the indefatigable industry and ability of the President of this College, Dr. William M. Irvine, to whose labors the upbuilding of the College is most largely due.

7. *Resolved,* That we heartily commend Mercersburg College to the support and patronage of our people.

WOMAN'S COLLEGE, FREDERICK, MD.

From the report of the Board of Directors of Woman's College, Frederick, Md., we note that the institution has completed its first decade in carrying out the policy for which Synod designed it. Each year of this period has shown a healthy growth. The past year has in some respects been the most successful. The whole number of students enrolled was 161. The total receipts were $286.86 more than the total expenses. There was a slight increase in the endowment fund now amounting to $24,620.43. All the buildings now at the disposal of the College are crowded. Good financial management has enabled the institution to increase its equipment, meet its current expenses and give its patrons more than full value for their investment.

8. *Resolved,* That we express our appreciation of the faithfulness and the ability with which the president of this institution has prosecuted his work and to whom, under the blessing of our heavenly Father, the success of the College is due.

9. *Resolved,* That the Synod instructs the Classes to hold, within the bounds of each charge or group of charges, educational meetings at which the education of women shall be discussed and the claims of our institutions of learning be presented.

10. *Resolved,* That the Woman's College is commended to the interest and patronage of the membership of our Synod.

CATAWBA COLLEGE.

This is the Church's Southern institution and deserves the hearty support of the Synod. The last annual catalogue shows that one hundred and eighty-five pupils were enrolled last year and the report of the trustees shows that one hundred and thirty-five are in attendance at present—twenty-three more than at the corresponding time last year.

The school is greatly in need of better equipment, larger buildings and a greater endowment fund. The indebtedness of the College at present is about $4,000. As the larger part of this indebtedness arises from the failure of Synod to pay the amount apportioned for Catawba, we, your committee, would recommend the following action:

11. *Resolved,* That we recognize in Catawba College a great opportunity for the Synod to strengthen its work in the South, and that we commend the institution anew to the hearty support of our people.

12. *Resolved,* That the several Classes be urged to pay their apportionment for Catawba College in full, in view of the pressing needs of the institution.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

This report conveys to us the condition of that part of our church work known as beneficiary education. The small number of students under the care of the Board, the tardiness with which money apportioned for this purpose has been paid into the treasury of the Board, and the sum needed to meet present appropriations are items which call for special consideration.

It will be necessary at this meeting to elect five members of the Board, three for three years, one for two years to serve the unexpired term of Rev. Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, and one to serve one year, the unexpired term of Rev. S. U. Waugaman.

Your committee therefore offer the following resolutions for adoption:

13. *Resolved,* That Classes are hereby requested to instruct pastors to preach one special sermon to their congregations emphasizing the claims of our Church upon young men for the Christian ministry and to seek out and encourage young men of special talent and piety to consecrate themselves to this noble calling.

14. *Resolved,* That the Classes of this Synod instruct pastors to pay into the treasuries of the several Classes early in the year the amounts apportioned for beneficiary education.

15. *Resolved,* That $1,800 be referred by this Synod to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. SLAGLE, *Chairman.*

Endowment of Woman's College.

The committee to aid in the endowment of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md., under item 5 of the report on Minutes of Synod reported verbally that, under the direction of Prof. Joseph H. Apple, the only work attempted was to keep the matter before the attention of the Classes, through the member of the committee in each Classis.

Science Building.

The committee appointed to devise plans and means to secure the $5,000 assumed, item 7 of the report on Minutes of Synod, for the Science Building at Lancaster, Pa., reported. The report was read and adopted as follows:

Your committee appointed to raise $5,000 for the Science Building begs leave to report that early this year your committee met and organized at Mechanicsburg, Pa., and adopted a plan for raising the money. This plan was to appeal to individuals in the different charges for sums of five and ten dollors, or more, and to ask the pastors of the different charges to cooperate with the members in this work by soliciting such sums in their own charges or by designating such men as might be appealed to for help.

The only contribution that has thus far come in is the sum of $30 from the member of the committee from Maryland Classis. This amount has been forwarded to Treasurer Forney. The expenses of your committee amounted to $14.75, which amount Mr. Forney paid. Respectfully submitted,

A. Conner.
Second Member of Committee.

The above report was referred to a special committee, Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., E. S. Hay and Elder J. A. Diehl, who subsequently presented the following report, which was received, read and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of raising the $5,000 which the Trustees of the Synod borrowed to pay the deficit on the Science Building of Franklin and Marshall College, begs leave to offer the following report:

We have carefully considered the whole subject; we feel the importance of speedily cancelling the debt which has been thus incurred; but we are of the opinion that it is necessary for us to adopt some different measures from that adopted a year ago, if the money is to be raised. A large committee is unwieldy and inefficient. Besides, pastors engaged in their regular work can scarcely be expected to take the time needed for this work. We therefore recommend:

1. That an agent be appointed to whom this matter be committed.

2. That this agent be paid a suitable salary and necessary traveling expenses.

Inasmuch as the Synod is in arrears on its interest on Catawba College; inasmuch as $14,388.33 is still needed to complete the $17,000 which the Synod undertook to raise for the College; and inasmuch as it seems to your committee possible to combine these two objects in one canvass, and thus discharge the obligation of the Synod in both directions, we further recommend:

3. That the sum of $5,000 be added to the $14,388.33, making $19,388.33, and that we make strenuous efforts during the coming year to raise the entire amount.

Inasmuch as Catawba College is interested equally with the Synod in the success of this project, we recommend:

4. That a committee of three be appointed who shall in conjunction with the Trustees of Catawba College have power to appoint such agent and fix his compensation.

5. That the expenses incurred by this canvass be divided between the Synod and Catawba College proportionately, and that the canvass be limited to one year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman.*

The committee called for in item 4 of the above report consists of Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., G. A. Snyder and Elder John A. Diehl.

Catawba College.

The Special Committee to whom item 2, Overtures, was referred, presented its report on Monday afternoon. The report was read and adopted, as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: You special committee appointed to consider the overtures of the Executive Committee of Catawba College, to borrow the amount of interest in arrears, beg leave to offer the following report:

From the Treasurer's report we find that there was paid in the annual interest during the year $845.87, leaving a balance of $154.13. This deficiency added to the previous deficit of $2,500 would make the total amount in arrers of interest $2,654.13.

Your committee would suggest the following action:

In view of the fact that in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, which has already been adopted, the de-

linquent Classes are urgently requested to meet their respective deficits; therefore be it

Resolved, That the request to borrow the above amount of $2,654.13 be not granted but that the Synod pledges itself to pay the interest on this deficit for one year or until the next annual meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That said interest be paid out of the Contingent Fund of Synod and that the sum of $160 be referred to the Finance Committee to be included in the apportionment for the Contingent Fund. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *Chairman.*

The Board of Education was instructed to organize a system of scholarships through which the students under its care may be enabled to earn their way at College and Seminary, and thus develop self-help among those preparing for the holy ministry.

At the election of the several Boards of the Synod held during the session of Monday afternoon, Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., J. D. Miller, J. W. Pontius were elected members of the Board of Education for three years; Rev. S. H. Stein for two years, and Rev. P. A. DeLong for one year; Rev. I. N. Peightel, Elders E. J. Bonebrake, J. Gassman were chosen Regents of Mercersburg College for a term of three years; Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., for two years, and Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., DD., for one year; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Director of Woman's College for five years; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College for ten years.

At the same time the following persons were nominated for memberships in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College to be elected by the North Carolina Classis, to wit: Revs. J. C. Leonard, C. B. Heller, and Messrs. L. R. Whitener, J. C. Lippard, L. Everhart and M. J. Rowe.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and the date of the expiration of their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., J. D. Miller, J. W. Pontius, 1906; Revs. W. C. Cremer, D.D., I. N. Peightel, S. H. Stein, 1095; Revs. J. T. Rossiter, D.D., S. U. Waugaman, P. A. DeLong, 1904.

REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.—Rev. I. N. Peightel and Elders E. J. Bonebrake and J. Gassman, 1906; Revs. M. O. Noll, F. F. Bahner, D.D., J. S. Kieffer, D.D., 1905; Revs.

C. A. Santee, W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., and Elder A R. Schnebley, 1904.

Directors of Woman's College.—Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., 1908; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., 1907; Elder W. H. Lakin, 1906; Elder A. C. McCardell, 1905; Elder J. Gassman, 1904.

Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., and Lewis Robb, 1906; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., and J. W. Santee, D.D., 1904.

Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.—Elders S. N. Hench and I. Laucks, 1908; Elders J. H. Schriver and J. B. Shulenberger, 1906; Elders J. H. Cost and E. A. Shulenberger, 1904.

Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College. —Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., 1913; Peter C. Wiest, 1911; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., A. S. Weber, D.D., 1910; J. W. Wetzel, Esq., 1909; Geo. N. Forney, 1907.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, of the General Board of Home Missions, a communication from the General Board of Home Missions, containing report of Rev. C. S. Slagle, treasurer of the Washington Church Building Fund, together with action of said Board thereon, the report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The committee presented its report during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. These reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to-wit:

I.—Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Brethren: The Bi-Synodic Board of Missions is now composed of the following members: Rev. C. A. Santee, President; Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D., Secretary; Elder J. J. Nissley, Treasurer; Revs. E. R. Deatrick, J. F. Moyer, W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., L. E. Coblentz, N. H. Skyles, J. D. Miller, T. J. Hacker, S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., and C. B. Schneder

The Board has tried to do the work committed to its care to the best of its ability and for the best interests of the Church The annual meeting was held in the Spring, at which time the roll of missions was carefully reviewed and recommendations were made to the General Board. In addition to this, quarterly meetings have been held by the Executive Council of the Board for the transaction of such business as claimed attention. Through these meetings, at which the reports from the missions were brought before us, we have kept in close touch with the work, knowing the needs and the prospects of the missions under our care.

The Treasurer's report is herewith submitted as a part of this report. This gives in detail the receipts and expenditures during the year. We note with much gratitude the growing work of home missions. The Lord opens new doors of usefulness and activity, and is laying upon us as a Church greater responsibilities, and through the increased liberality of our people we shall be enabled to meet them; and new oportunities are offered, for we have not yet reached the limit of our ability.

The following new missions within our bounds have been enrolled: Passaic, N. J., South River, N. J., and Mt. Carmel, Pa. These three are Hungarian. Also Greensboro, N. C., Lenoir, N. C., and Oak Lane, Pa.

The Board has noted the request of Potomac Synod with regard to the recommendation of points for starting new work, and has been careful to select only such as are promising.

The trust funds under the care of the Board have been carefully used. With the aid of these funds our missions have been assisted and brought forward toward the time when they shall become self-supporting.

With regret we note the death of two members of the Board, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., and Elder C. M. Bower. The Board feels the loss of these men, whose wise judgment and counsel were of great use in our deliberations. Suitable resolutions were passed and were sent to the families of the deceased, and were also published in the Church papers.

We call the attention of the Eastern Synod to the vacancies occasioned by the death of these members.

The Potomac Synod will note that the term of Rev. C. A. Santee expires April 1, 1904.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Santee, *President,*

Ellis N. Kremer, *Secretary.*

II.—Treasurer's Report.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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FOR HOME MISSIONS.

From Eastern Synod.

Philadelphia Classis	$1,696 94	
Tohickon Classis	1,634 11	
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,989 42	
East Pennsylvania Classis	2,551 00	
Lebanon Classis	1,475 04	
Lancaster Classis	1,902 04	
Schuylkill Classis	1,253 95	
East Susquehanna Classis	1,359 56	
West Susquehanna Classis	1,372 21	
Lehigh Classis	3,115 00	
Wyoming Classis	1,384 65	
Reading Classis	1,647 23	
		$21,381 15

From Synod of the Potomac.

Maryland Classis	$2,764 11	
Mercersburg Classis	935 65	
Virginia Classis	540 00	
Zion's Classis	660 13	
Juniata Classis	1,613 30	
Gettysburg Classis	350 00	
North Carolina Classis	455 48	
Carlisle Classis	817 01	
		$ 8,135 68

From Miscellaneous Sources.

Interest on Gerhard Fund	$ 12 00
Elder E. H. Burkholder, Farmersville, Pa.	50 00
Elder Lewis E. Shriver, Union Mills, Md.	25 00
Rev. F. A. Gast, D.D.,	10 00
Rev. J. C. Leonard, for High Point, N. C.	435 00
St. Clairsville charge, Juniata Classis	10 82
White Deer charge, Rev. A. Noll	17 81
C. E. Society, Mt. Alto, Pa., Miss Wiestling	3 00
J. W. S., Philadelphia	20 00
Christ's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	263 55
Sulphur Springs charge, Sunday-school	2 32
Trinity, Altoona, Pa.	4 39
St. Stephen's, Harrisonburg, Va.	12 00
Mrs. Amanda Wagner, interest on legacy	100 00
St. John's, Middlebrook charge, Va.	10 15
Women's Classical Miss. Society, N. C. Classis	18 00
C. E. Society and Congregation, Loysburg, Pa.	4 00
Congregation and Sunday-school, Riegelsville, Pa.	303 19
Meeting of Lancaster Classis, Hummelstown, Pa.	7 13
Sunday-school, Shepherdstown, W. Va.	12 75
Miss Mary E. Santee	200 00
Rev. Dr. G. L. Staley	6 00

Mrs. Susan Griffith	5 00	
Missionary Society, First Church, Lancaster, Pa.	50 00	
Missionary Society, Hanover, Pa.	100 00	
Elder Henry Gable	100 00	
Elder Jacob Rader, Easton, Pa.	15 00	
		$ 1,797 11

In Response to Request by General Synod at Baltimore, Md.

Emmanuel's Sunday-school, Hanover, Pa.	$ 71 74	
Sunday-school, Gettysburg	14 58	
St. John's, Philadelphia, Pa.	5 29	
Tioga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	20 00	
Marion, Pa.	18 44	
St. Stephen's, Harrisonburg, Va.	18 00	
Sunday-school, Hummelstown, Pa.	17 27	
Grace Sunday-school, Altoona, Pa.	11 60	
Sunday-school, Newton, N. C.	11 00	
Bethel congregation, East Rowan charge, N. C.	3 05	
		$ 191 47
		$31,505 41

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Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treasurer General Board $31,505 41

For Hungarian Missions.

Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Treas. Virginia Classis.	$ 30 00	
Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., Treas., Mercersburg Cl.	140 00	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas. Maryland Classis	209 50	
St. Clairsville charge, Pa.	50 00	
St. James congregation, New Gilead charge, N. C.	2 42	
Rev Lewis Robb, Treas. Juniata Classis	140 00	
Rev. W. H. Groh, Treas. Carlisle Classis	68 65	
E. A. Rice, Treas. Zion's Classis	131 00	
J. J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod	590 35	
S. M. Gingrich, Treas. Eastern Synod	1,971 67	
		$ 3,333 59

For Harbor Mission.

Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Treas. Virginia Classis.	$ 10 00	
Elder Geo. N. Forney, Treas. Potomac Synod.	11 00	
Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., Treas. Mercersburg Cl.	20 00	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas. Maryland Classis.	24 00	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treas. Carlisle Classis	5 53	
Women's Classical Miss. Soc., N. C. Classis	11 00	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treas. Juniata Classis	25 00	
Rev. W. H. Groh, Treas. Carlisle Classis	7 13	
E. A. Rice, Treas. Zion's Classis	14 29	
J. J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod	78 04	
S. M. Gingrich, Treas. Eastern Synod	336 45	
		$ 542 44

For German Missions.

Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Treas. Virginia Classis.	$ 10 00	
Geo. N. Forney, Treas. Potomac Synod	55 22	
Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., Treas. Mercersburg Cl.	95 00	

Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas. Maryland Classis	199 00	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treas. Juniata Classis	130 00	
E. A. Rice, Treas. Zion's Classis	78 73	
John J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod	196 83	
S. M. Gingrich, Treas. Eastern Synod	1,228 72	
		$ 1,993 50
		$5,869 53

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Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treasurer	$ 5,869 53

DESIGNATED MONEYS.

Zion's, Allentown, Pa., for Palatinate Mis., Phila.	$ 25 00	
West Susquehanna Classis, for Rev. J. R. Dudycha, Chicago, Ill.	5 70	
Reading Classis, for Trinity, Dengler	50 00	
Hill Church Miss. Soc., for Salisbury, N. C.	10 00	
St. Luke's, Pleasant Hill, Missionary Society, for Calvary, Philadelphia	10 00	
Mt. Gilead charge, N. C., for Bohemian church, Chicago	2 75	
North Carolina Classis, for Lenoir Mission	50 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Mt. Bethel Mission	50 00	
		$ 203 45

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Paid as designated	$ 203 45

CHURCH BUILDING.

Balance in Treasury September 27, 1902		$ 5,373 92
Schuylkill Classis	$ 134 00	
Reading Classis	375 00	
Tohickon Classis	299 63	
Lebanon Classis	235 72	
Lancaster Classis	242 19	
West Susquehanna Classis	296 00	
Lehigh Classis	255 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	183 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	345 00	
East Susquehanna Classis	115 86	
Philadelphia Classis	140 32	
		$ 2,621 72

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

Trone and Schmidt Fund	$ 80 00	
Archie Campbell Shuford Fund	500 00	
Sunday-school, Second Church, Reading, Pa.	400 00	
Josiah Griffith Fund	237 50	
		$ 1,217 50
		$9,213 14

LOANS REPAID.

Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.	$ 200 00
First Church, Lexington, N. C.	450 00
Trinity, Altoona, Pa.	700 00
Grace, Altoona, Pa.	400 00
Reformed Church, Royersford, Pa.	585 00
St. Paul's, Roanoke, Va.	400 00

Faith Church, Salisbury, N. C.	460 00	
Palatinate, Philadelphia, Pa.	1,000 00	
Grace, Allentown, Pa.	100 00	
First, High Point, N. C.	100 00	
Hungarian, South Norwalk, Conn.	125 00	
Heidelberg, Thomasville, N. C.	20 00	
Hungarian, Trenton, N. J.	100 00	
St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md.	500 00	
		$ 5,140 00
		$14,353 14

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. M. Boush, Treas. for Church-building	$2,621 72	
Loan to Lenoir, N. C.	500 00	
Loan to Grace Church, Baltimore, Md.	2,500 00	
Loan to Hungarian Church, Phœnixville, Pa.	500 00	
Loan to Trinity Church, Lewistown, Pa.	3,000 00	
Loan to First Church, Greensboro, N. C.	1,200 00	
Balance in Treasury September 28, 1903	4,031 42	
		$14,353 14

GENERAL TREASURY.

Balance in Treasury September 27, 1902		$ 2,011 72
First Church, Lexington, N. C.	$ 6 01	
Dividends, York Bank Stock, Spangler legacy	43 76	
Reformed Church, Royersford, Pa.	140 51	
St. Paul's, Roanoke, Va.	87 50	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell	95 00	
C. M. Boush, Treas. Church-building	200 00	
Hungarian Church, Trenton, N. J.	34 00	
Maryland Classis	72 50	
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.	24 00	
Grace, Allentown	64 00	
First Church, High Point, N. C.	15 00	
Grace, Altoona, Pa.	71 16	
Heidelberg, Thomasville, N. C.	9 00	
Trinity, Altoona, Pa.	5 00	
Calvary, Scranton, Pa.	100 00	
St. Peter's, Parryville, Pa.	50 00	
St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa.	150 00	
Christ Church, Packerton, Pa.	10 00	
Maryland Classis	72 50	
Zion's Church, Marietta, Pa.	25 00	
Reformed Church, Burlington, N. C.	15 00	
St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md.	73 00	
		$ 1,362 94
		$3,374 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

Recording Power of Attorney, Palatinate, Phila.	$ 2 25
Tax on Baltimore Mortgages	16 79
Recording Release, Scranton Property	1 75
Traveling Expenses of the Board and Postage	76 42
Salary of the Secretary	75 00

Salary of the Treasurer	75 00	
Balance in Treasury	3,127 45	
		$3,374 66

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Sept. 28, 1903.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 28, 1903.

The foregoing account was audited and found correct as stated.
ELLIS N. KREMER,
JAMES C. THOMPSON.

III.—Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: It becomes our duty again to make a report to you of the condition of the Home Missionary work under the care of General Synod's Board for the year ending September 30, 1903. In many respects the last year has been the most successful one in the history of our Church. There has been a gradual awakening in the Church to the importance of the work and the responsibilities that rest upon us, as a denomination, in doing our part in the evangelization of the masses in this country. This is one of the hopeful signs of the times for us as a people —and we may be allowed to say that this fact makes the future the more hopeful for us.

NEW ENROLLMENT.—The number of new missions enrolled during the year was much larger than any one had a right to expect at the beginning of the year. A year ago the outlook was not very assuring. We were then heavily in debt and there were no special evidences that the debt would be greatly reduced in the near future. But God put it into the hearts of the people to do better things for the cause of the Master. There has been a manifest awakening and the Board was enabled to enroll a number of new fields. Last year, when the report was made to the Synods we had ninety-eight missions on the roll. On April 1, 1903, a few became self-supporting—one was dropped and two were consolidated. Since then a number have been added, so that we now have one hundred and four on the roll.

THE MISSIONS.—Never were our missions in better condition. Only three are vacant. Three of those enrolled in April will be organized in October, or as soon as men can be gotten. All the German-English missions were transferred to the German Boards on April first. Of the new missions, all will be found in growing towns and large cities. We are now doing an important city work. We have a good class of men as our

missionary pastors. They are able and devoted to their work. The missions, with a very few exceptions, are making good progress. We, however, find it difficult to keep the missions supplied with pastors on account of the scarcity of ministers.

HUNGARIAN.—When the new mission at Lorain, Ohio, has made its formal transfer to our church, with Bella Basso as its pastor, we will have twelve missions among these interesting people. We now have a prospect of getting a pastor soon to supply all these fields. During the year the Board established the office of "Traveling Hungarian Missionary." This was deemed absolutely necessary under existing conditions. It was supposed that there were about 500,000 Hungarians in the country. But later and better investigations assure us that there are at least one million. As many of these people are members of our Church, it behooves us to do a more extensive work among them. In order to do better work, Rev. Stephen P. Harsanyi, now of the Theological Seminary, Tiffin, Ohio, was given the work of traveling missionary. He is peculiarly well fitted for the work, as he speaks English well. He has been engaged in the work during the summer and is well pleased with the progress made. The Board has also taken steps looking to the education of some young Hungarians—College graduates from Hungary—in the Theological Seminaries in this country. In this way it is felt that we will have men in our missions who will be more in sympathy with our American customs and Church life. The Hungarian missionaries are also directed to seek out intelligent young men from among their membership, who may be educated for the ministry. Lorain, Ohio, Homestead, Pa., and South River, N. J., are the missions lately organized among these people. We must prepare, however, for much additional work.

BOHEMIAN.—We cannot report so favorably on our work among the Bohemians. They are a hard people to deal with because they are under the domination of infidel leaders. Those who do retain their former love for the Church are loyal and earnest, but it seems that the great majority have lost their church life. During the year a new church was erected on the corner of Ashland avenue and Nineteenth street in Chicago. It is a good, solid brick structure, costing, with lot and all, $7,000. While the work is hard, the Church must however, not be discouraged with it. In fact, greater efforts ought to be put forth in behalf of these people, of whom there are fully 300,000 in the land.

MISSIONARY BULLETIN.—There have come to the Board frequent requests for more definite information on our home work. Facts have been called for—statements of facts have been desired—and not a few requested that a concise and full statement

be made, at intervals, of the work done and proposed to be done. In fact, the Board has at different times been blamed for not letting the Church know more fully of its work. To furnish what was demanded, seemed to require something more than can be given in the regular Church periodicals. In answer to these requests, the Board, at its July meeting, resolved to publish, monthly, a "Bulletin" of mission news from the home field. The initial number was sent out on September 1st, under the title of "The Home Missionary Bulletin of the Reformed Church in the United States." A copy was sent to all English pastors with the request that they should report the number of copies they wish for their charges. Up to date of writing, about 25,000 copies have been ordered monthly. This is to be a missionary paper pure and simple. It will not contain any general news, Church or secular. It will not, therefore, interfere with the regular Church periodicals. The Board believes that this publication will do much good.

Finances.—The Board is in better condition now than a year ago, financially. True, there is still an indebtedness, but it is not large. For the quarter ending June 30th, the income of the Board, for all purposes, was over $34,000. For the month of August, which is usually the dullest month of the year, the amount received for missions was $3,671.52, and for church building $467—total, $4,138.52. This is a great improvement over other years. If the people of the Church will continue to increase their offerings, we will soon come to that period in our history when the apportionments will be paid in full, and then the Board will know just what to depend upon, and the work can be greatly extended.

Of Superintendents, Etc.—On January 1st of this year Rev. A. S. Dechant resigned as Western Superintendent. At the annual meeting in April last the Board rearranged the districts and elected Rev. D. A. Souders, to take the place of Superintendent Dechant. Superintendent Fouse was then directed to take charge of the missions in the Synod of the Interior, in addition to his labors as General Superintendent. Superintendent Souders has charge of the missions in the Pittsburgh and Ohio Synods, while Superintendent Whitmer retains his position in the Synods east of the Alleghanies. In this way this work can be attended to with less travel by these officers. Rev. D. N. Dittmar remains Field Agent. A call has been extended to one of our pastors to become Sunday-school Missionary so that that office will be filled in a short time. The salary is paid by the Sunday-school Board and this Board, each paying half. This Board has also promised to help Allegheny Classis to pay the salary of a City Missionary for Pittsburgh and nearby towns.

CHURCH BUILDING.—This department of the work is prospering. It would be interesting to give the names of those who gave $500 funds during the year, but it would lengthen this report too much. Treasurer Boush reported at the annual meeting in April that the last was the most prosperous year of any in our history. He reports one hundred and ten $500 funds belonging to the Board. Add to these, those belonging to the Bi-Synodic Board and we have fully one hundred and fifty. Then, the moneys coming from the apportionments swell the fund to a large sum. The actual money held and invested, amounts to $155,000. The value of the properties to which the Board loaned money—and the lots held by the Board amounts to fully $350,000. Let the whole Church push this arm of the work—for without it, this work can hardly be made a success.

APPORTIONMENTS.—The Synods have promised the Board $60,000 for the English missions. For all the missions, $74,500. Shall the Board have these promised moneys? Let us hope so, and then set our aim to obtain it. The following are the apportionments:

Synods.	Home Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	Work Among Germans.	Church Building.
Eastern	$32,370	$492	$3,690	$2,426	6 cts. per mem
Potomac ...	12,450	193	1,448	930	6 " " "
Pittsburgh ..	6,280	90	675	460	6 " " "
Ohio	7,875	125	937	590	6 " " "
Interior	1,075	14	107	94	6 " " "

NOTES.—The Board requests the Synods to impress upon their people the imperative need of paying the apportionments in full.

We again ask the Synods to assume the six cents per member for the Building Fund.

Let the Synods remember that the Board is expected to pay to the German Boards $4,500. Let the Synods, without fail, pay the apportionment for this cause.

The Synods and Classes should urge the missions to assume the full support of their pastors as quickly as possible.

D. S. FOUSE, *Missionary Supt.*

IV.—Report of Treasurer of Washington Church Building Fund.

To the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: As Treasurer of the Washington Church Building Fund I herewith submit my report of the funds received and also of their disposition.

Total amount received from the Church as per acknowledgment in Church papers	$36,743 44
Rebate from Cleveland Stone Company	500 00
Miscellaneous	469 49
Total Receipts	$37,712 93

As chairman of the building committee appointed by Maryland Classis to assist Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D., the pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Washington, D. C., in the building of the church, and as Treasurer by appointment of your reverend body, the above amount was paid by the authority and under the direction of the Committee for the construction of the church building, its steam heating, electric lighting, plumbing and exterior artistic work. The stained glass windows and the furniture were provided for by the pastor and congregation and were placed under their direct supervision. Most of these were memorials. The total cost of the church and its furnishings was $45,080.13; of this amount Grace Church contributed $6,000, and in addition within the last month paid $1,000 on the debt of the parsonage, thereby reducing the parsonage debt to $2,500. Maryland Classis, exclusive of the amount given by Grace Church, contributed over $7,000. The pledge of $5,000 made by the Classes of Potomac Synod exclusive of Maryland Classis has been paid in full, as also the pledge of $10,000 made by the Eastern Synod and nearly all the pledges made by the charges of Pittsburgh Synod. All the expenses connected with the construction and completion of the church building have been met in full. And the accounts of the Treasurer have been audited by the committee above referred to, and found correct.

The committee is as follows: Rev. C. S. Slagle, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Rev. I. M. Motter, Elders A. C. McCardell and John Gassman.

The cornerstone of the church was laid on July 1st, 1902, by his excellency, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D. The church was dedicated on Trinity Sunday, June 7th, 1903; an appropriate address being made by the President of the United States, and the sermon being preached by Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D. The building is fifty-two feet in width and seventy-one feet in length. It is built of Cleveland Lower Canyon greystone. It is constructed throughout of the best material and in a highly mechanical manner. The architecture of the church is purely Gothic. It is not a reproduction but a creation of the architecture to represent the Reformed Church. The entire front of the church is symbolical of the history of our Church. At either side of the main entrance are shields of Zurich and Geneva. Supporting the labial molding of the

large front window are two heads, the one representing a knight armor, and the other a burgher in the headdress of the sixteenth century. The labial molding leads up to a niche in which a supported shield of Frederick the Elector rests. The apex of the gable consists of the electorate cross. The tympanum over either door in the front of the church contains a representation of lilies among thorns. The interior of the church is simple and beautiful. The moldings throughout are in harmony with the pews and the mahogany furnishings of the chancel.

It is altogether fitting and proper that, inasmuch as the church building was erected by the offerings of the whole Church and is a memorial from the Church at large, it should, in its architecture and design be thoroughly representative of the Reformed Church. The architect, Mr. Paul J. Pels, has by his ability and zeal given us a building most admirably adapted to the purposes which it is intended to subserve. It is a beautiful and unique structure of which the Reformed Church may rightly be proud. The pictures made of it do not give an adequate idea of the beauty of the structure. Within and without it is as beautiful and artistic as it is substantial and comfortable. It stands as a monument to the power and grace of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it represents the history and genius of the Reformed Church.

The hearty and generous response made by the Church to the appeal of your reverend body is an evidence of the fact that the time was at hand for this important movement forward in the permanent establishment of our Church in the nation's capital. Respectfully submitted,

C. S. SLAGLE,

Treasurer of Washington Church Building Fund.

Westminster, Md., Sept. 22d, 1903.

On the above the following action was taken by the Board:

WHEREAS, The Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church authorized the Rev. C. S. Slagle as its acting Treasurer in the matter of contributions by congregations for the erection of the Grace Memorial Church of Washington, D. C., to act in conjunction with the committee appointed by Maryland Classis, and to have special charge of said contributions; and,

WHEREAS, The erection of the Memorial Church was carried to a successful completion, the report of which is now presented to the Executive Committee of the Board, said report containing an account of moneys received and disbursed, as well as an account of the labors of the committee and the Treasurer, therefore,

Resolved, That the Executive Committee hereby expresses its appreciation of the faithful and self-denying work of the committee and the most efficient and economical management of the funds by the Treasurer. Especially does this Executive Committee commend the Treasurer that he so invested the funds received—in amount more than $37,000—that the interest accruing therefrom met all the expenses connected with the collection and distribution of said, and all the expenses of the committee, so that every dollar contributed by the Church was devoted to the building itself.

V.—The Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read Friday. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: What will the Synods do this fall for the work of Foreign Missions? This question voices the anxiety of the missionaries and of the Board. There is cause for great rejoicing when we look at what has been done. Alas, how much we have left undone! And of work that we might have done. Let us not shut our eyes to the fact that our operations in heathen lands have been steadily enlarging. Our field is bigger now than it was five years ago. Yes, the work is growing and the demands are increasing. Happily the grace of liberality in the home Church is keeping pace with the expansion in the foreign field. It must be a source of gratification to the warm supporters of our work to learn that the receipts for the past synodical year amount to $66,305.25. But we need every dollar of it, and more to it, in order to discharge our heavy obligations. The estimate of the Japan Mission alone for 1904, exclusive of buildings or any advance work, amounts to $33,100. This is almost equal to our entire receipts for the year 1901.

WE NEED $125,000.

If the Board is to meet all its reasonable expenses during the coming year, we will need, at least, $125,000. This may seem an excessive amount for foreign missions, but it is only fifty cents per member. The estimates for the Japan and China Missions and the home expenses will be not less than $50,000. Add to this amount $25,000 for the North Japan College; $15,000 additional to pay for the Girls' School buildings; $5,000 for the Missionary Home at Tokio; $4,000 for the Boys' School, China; $2,000 additional for the China Hospital, and $23,000 for our present indebtedness, and you will see that we are not asking for a fictitious amount. Besides there are al-

ways emergencies arising during the year for which we can never provide in advance, and these help to increase our expenses. In view of our resources as a Church, and in the light of the signal success of our missionaries, and the demands of the work, will it be asking too much of our pastors and people to make one grand effort, during the coming twenty-fifth anniversary year of the founding of the Japan Mission, and thus place our work in that empire on a firm basis? Dr. Schneder assures us that this will be the last extraordinary effort the Church will need to put forth towards the Christianization of Japan.

OUR JAPAN MISSION.

The personal reports of all our missionaries indicate excellent health during the past year. The new missionaries are hard at work on the study of the language and have proved a strong addition to the mission. There are no more earnest, devoted, hard-working men and women in any mission. Dr. Moore received a hearty welcome back to Japan, and reports his health as good. During the first eight months since his return he has preached frequently and baptized in all some fifty persons, about one-third of whom were children. Dr. Schneder's time is chiefly occupied with his duties as the President of the North Japan College and in evangelistic work. Since January 1st Missionary Lampe has given much time to the plans and contracts and oversight of our building operations. He says, "This is a great undertaking and will require a large sum of money, and a great deal of missionary time and energy." Prof. Noss has been working for two years on his text book of Colloquial Japanese, which will be an octavo volume of 600 pages, an invaluable aid to the study of the language. His many friends will be glad to welcome him and his family to America this fall. Missionary Miller now occupies a foreign-built house at Yamagata. The old church building was badly wrecked last September by a typhoon, and a new church will be built in that portion of the city where the best families live. Rev. Stick is developing into an excellent business manager. The brethren Faust, Gerhard and Cook have been devoted to their school work. Our four lady teachers have been subject to great trials and deprivations, but the Lord has enabled them to outlive them, and they look forward with joy to their work this winter.

NORTH JAPAN COLLEGE.

The North Japan College has had a good year. There was an enrollment of 171 at the beginning of the fall term. Prof. Paul L. Gerhard has resumed his work in the school, and Rev. H. H. Cook, Jr., is a new teacher. There were eight graduates from the lower course of the collegiate department, and four

from the higher. Eleven were baptized. There are forty-nine Christians. At the commencement exercises the vice-governor, in the absence of the governor, made an address approving of the work of the school. The president of the Government College also made a congratulatory address. The music under the direction of Brother Stick was unusually good. There were no theological graduates this year. It is gratifying to know that the students in our lower course now enjoy the same privilege as do the students of government schools of the same grade. But it is doubly necessary that we should have this recognition and military exemption for our Higher and Theological courses. In case we cannot get the recognition before April of next year, we will be obliged, according to the regulation, to close these departments altogether. This would certainly be a calamity. In his last letter Dr. Schneder reiterates the impending peril of the school, and adds, "Now what I would like to ask is that the Board say to the Mission that they will furnish $25,000 for additional buildings for the North Japan College. Please do not pass this by. A recitation building and a dormitory, together with a chapel and some smaller buildings must be erected." The Board lays this very urgent need before the Synods with the earnest hope that some action may be taken to relieve the critical situation.

MIYAGI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The ladies have had to contend with many difficulties, trials and hindrances in the conduct of the Girls' School in the temporary quarters. Very truly Miss Zurfluh writes: "The school has sustained a loss through fire and its effects that money and new buildings cannot alone eradicate." The average monthly enrollment was ninety-six. Thirty-two of these are Christians, six of whom were baptized during the year. About forty more pupils asked for admittance, but had to be turned away for lack of room. There were three graduates, all of them Christians.

The new dormitory will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the school term in September. The Recitation Hall is also in course of erection, but there has been no time fixed for its completion. Besides these new buildings it was absolutely necessary to enlarge the ladies' residence, which was originally built for only two teachers. We have at present four teachers. The fire had left this building in a very shabby condition. The estimates for these several improvements, including the cost of the lots, amount to $34,000. Towards the payment of the new buildings we have about $21,000, including the $4,000 insurance.

It must be evident to the Synods that the Board is in sore need of funds.

INDUSTRIAL HOME.

The Industrial Home is the residence of a large number of the students of North Japan College. All of these young men are studying the lesson of self-support, and at the same time they receive a Christian education. The Home is running a dairy, a printing press, a book store and a farm. The work is done by the students. The total number in the Home during the year is ninety-two. The average number is seventy-two. Thirty-four are Christians, others are earnestly seeking the Saviour. The expenses for the year amount to $5,250 which includes the building of two sheds for the dairy and other necessary repairs. Towards this amount the mission appropriated $750. Regular services are held every Sunday evening and weekly prayer meetings.

Besides the work for the women at the woman's meetings, the Bible Women have been very helpful in, at least, twenty Sunday-schools. Almost all of these workers go to two Sunday-schools every Sunday. Some have held special meetings in large towns, which created intense interest on the part of the women. At one meeting there were about 200 persons, at the other 300. Our lady teachers have given the Bible Women a one year's post-graduate course in Biblical Studies, with a view to equip them for better service. There have been thirteen regular Bible Women at work during the year.

The statistics of the Japan Mission for the year 1902 are as follows: Ordained ministers, 8; unordained evangelists, 27; church buildings, 16; meeting places, 48; members, men 1,106, women 658, total 1,764; baptized children, 126; additions, 272: average attendance in Sunday-schools, 1,649; value of church property, $25,000.

CHINA MISSION.

What shall we say of our work in China? Here are the statistics of a few months ago: Communicant members, 43; children, 9; students in Boys' School, 53; Girls' School, 12; evangelist, 1; Bible woman, 1; helpers, 3. Truly a noble record.

Through the unflagging zeal of Dr. Hoy our mission owns a splendid property with a strong wall fifteen to twenty-five feet surrounding it. The buildings are small, but they will meet the present wants of our work after the Boys' School and Hospital have been erected. But these two buildings are pressing needs. The Boy's School will cost $4,000 and the Hospital $5,500. Towards the latter building we have about $3,500. Besides the erection of these buildings it is imperative that we send two married missionaries and one medical missionary. The growing prospects of our work make it necessary that these men ought to be on the field this fall. We have a wonderful

opening at Yochow for a Christian institution of learning, and if we lay good solid foundations now we shall in a few years be able to rejoice over a still greater field of evangelistic usefulness. Dr. Hoy writes, "The Boys' School has already a name and an influence—an influence that we must not lose. We have many boys from the best families. Can't you get immediate help from the Synods this fall? We need money for grounds and buildings; and we need two missionaries to help in school work."

Surely God is leading our Church into most inviting fields that are ripe for harvest. We are not opening this new work, but by the strange leadings of Providence the work seems to fall to our lot. The offer from the four Chinamen to Dr. Hoy, which we incorporate in this statement, is extraordinary in its nature, and we should be very careful how we treat it. There can be no doubt as to its sincerity.

HERE IS THE OFFER.

"Last February a man came from Chingshi to Yochow. He quietly studied our school, our chapel work, and the Bible and other Christian books. He also learned about the work of our college in Japan. After several months of inquiry he returned to Chingshi, over one hundred miles across the lake from Yochow. He soon came back to Yochow, bringing with him three other men. All these four men belong to the literary class and are men of means and influence in this community. They want a church and a school in their town. They will buy all the land needed and erect all the necessary buildings, and this property will belong to the mission, and through the mission, to our Board and Church at home. This offer is worth $10,000. The last week in June and the first week and a half of July Mr. Reimert and I went over to Chingshi, all our expenses being paid by the people interested. We made a careful investigation as to the standing of these people, and especially concerning the life and character of Mr. Chang, the leader of the party. In three towns we went to the chief officials and all told us these people were all right. They also said they would be glad if we would accept the offer. We mean to accept the offer, in fact, I have already in my care the deed to half the ground needed. All the property will be ours. The management of church and school will also belong to us. The cost of the property and the maintenance of the school will be supplied by Mr. Chang's party. We must eventually put two missionaries there to teach and to preach, and to manage affairs. This opportunity is a golden one."

HOSPITAL.

Our medical missionary, Dr. J. Albert Beam, relates in an interesting manner his first six months' experience at Yochow. Upon the advice of older missionaries he immediately applied himself to the study of the language, refusing to see patients. But the converts of our own mission came for treatment and he could not conscientiously refuse to see them. This became the entering wedge to a most interesting work, until the attendance at the dispensary has gradually increased from five or ten a week, to an average of twenty-five a day. The largest number on any one day was thirty-four. The whole number of patients treated was 476. The largest number of new patients on any one day was fourteen. The whole number of treatments given was 1,289. We quote from his letter: "Now as to our needs. First, a hospital; second, a physician; third, a trained nurse. We need a hospital for we have been compelled to turn away many cases which could not be treated outside such an institution. We need another physician. He ought to be on the field soon in order to get the language before being loaded down with professional work. Another reason, and to my mind a very important one, why he should come at once is that our work ought to be carried on the year around if we are to accomplish the most good. The trained nurse should be able not only to take charge of that department of hospital work, but also be a teacher, for we must train native helpers if our hospital corps is to be efficient."

SUGGESTIONS.

The Japan Mission asks the Board, in view of the fact that Rev. A. D. Gring, our first missionary, arrived in Japan on the 1st of June, 1879, that the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary be held in June, 1904, and that a fund of one hundred thousand dollars be raised in connection with this celebration for the equipment of the Japan work. The board heartily endorses the request and urges the Synods to refer the matter favorably to the pastors and congregations. Literature will be sent out by the Mission and the Board to assist in the preparation for a worthy celebration.

That this celebration may prove a great spiritual blessing to the work, Drs. Moore and Schneder most earnestly ask:

1. That every congregation and Sunday-school observe the event.

2. That the history of our work in Japan be widely studied.

3. That a special thank offering large enough to meet the pressing needs be laid on the altar of Missions.

4. That two new missionary families be sent this year and two next year.

5. That this event be made the occasion of special prayer, that the spirit of devotion to the cause of Missions in the home Church be deepened, that the work in Japan be still more greatly blessed, and that the time may be hastened when Japan and China and all other unsaved nations will be won for Christ.

Obedient to the action of the General Synod, a service was issued for the observance of Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday-schools on February 8, 1903. The service was of a memorial character. It is difficult to compute the results, but we are safe in fixing the receipts at about $7,000. We trust the Synods will encourage all the pastors and people to observe the day in the coming year, for it will help to increase an interest in foreign missions.

That the pastors and people may know what proportion of the receipts for special objects have come from the different Synods, we make this exhibit:

SPECIAL OBJECTS.

Synods.	Girls' School.	Faust Hall.	Hoy Hospital.	China House.
Eastern	$5,460.55*	$1,197.61	$1,203.19	$1,278.20
Potomac	609.75	735.44	518.94	883.45
Pittsburgh	124.34	270.67	394.52	382.49
Ohio	2,171.91*	510.66	462.90	305.36
Interior	171.95	42.55	45.98	107.00
Central	762.08	177.46	157.03	191.99
North West	1,102.05	344.17	362.80	251.10
German East	336.49	322.12	320.56	101.00
W. M. S., General Synod	1,493.05	1,347.00	21.29	228.50
Reformed Church Publication Board, Special Fund,				397.23
Total	$12,232.17	$4,947.68	$3,487.21	$4,126.32

*Of this amount in the Eastern Synod, $1,500 came from Reading Classis, and $1,500 from two members of Philadelphia Classis.

Of the amount in the Ohio Synod, $1,150 came from one family.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

	Number of Members.	Amount of Apportionment.	Paid on Apportionment.	Receipts all Sources.	W. M. S. General Synod.
Eastern	104,188	$17,150	$12,597	$24,385	$5,004
Potomac	39,658	5,840	3,952	8,450	391
Pittsburgh	19,509	2,975	3,197	4,789	1,181
Ohio	26,096	3,770	3,019	7,848	2,048
Interior	3,231	250	235	815	64
Central	24,659	3,545	*	3,244	
North West	22,468	3,660	*	4,900	
German East	15,599	2,860	*	1,911	
W. M. S., General Synod				8,749	
Interest, etc.				1,200	

*Pastors remit to the Secretary.

Dear Brethren, if we are to do the work which the Lord of the harvest expects of us, we need faith and prayer. Faith, to believe that we can do it, and prayer, that God may make us willing to do it in the day of His power. Let me suggest, that in view of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of our Japan Mission during June, 1904, the Synods devote a portion of the time spent in the discussion of missions to a season of special prayer for God's blessing upon our work, our missionaries, our Board, our pastors and people.

With the earnest prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations for the speedy conquest of the world for Christ, I am, Very cordially yours,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 10, 1903.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Missions reports that there were referred to it the Report of the Home Mission Board of General Synod, the Report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions, the Report of the Treasurer of the same Board, the Treasurer's Report of the Washington Church Building Fund, and the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, and that all these have been carefully considered.

We are indeed glad to be able to say that all these reports are of a very encouraging character. We learn from those with

reference to the work in the home land that the past year has been a truly successful one. There has been a gradual awakening to the cause of Missions, this most vital work of the Church, and that the increasing liberality of the people has enabled the Board to enroll more missions in growing towns and cities, increasing the number from 98 of last year to 104. Our missions were never in better condition than now.

We note also that a transfer of the German-English missions has been made to the German Board. We learn that the work among the Hungarians, who are already 1,000,000 strong in our country and are continuing to flock here, gives bright promises. Efforts are being put forth to build up a ministry in full sympathy with American ideas and spirit. Four new missions have been organized. The whole work among these people is indeed highly encouraging.

Whilst certain conditions that exist among the Bohemians, who are in our midst to the number of 300,000, makes the work more difficult and less fruitful than the work among the Hungarians, yet there is an ever increasing need and responsibility resting upon us for pressing this department of our work. We learn with pleasure of the Board's effort to keep the Church informed on the subject of Missions, and welcome the new publication for free distribution, namely, "The Missionary Bulletin."

We note with joy the successful completion of the work of erecting the memorial church at Washington, D. C., and it is with great pleasure that we note the decrease of the indebtedness of the Board, due, we believe, largely to the consecrated work of Field Secretary, Rev. D. N. Dittmar, and the willing response of pastors to his earnest apeals for the paying of the aportionments in full.

From the report of the Foreign Mision Board we learn, with a just pride, that our operations in heathen lands have been steadily enlarging, and it must be a source of gratification to the warm supporters of the work to learn that the receipts for the past synodical pear amount to $66,305.25. Their need, their greatest need at present is for funds for buildings necessary for a successful carrying forward of the work. The $125,000 stated as the amount needed is not beyond the reach of an earnest and consecrated people. The North Japan College has had a good year.

There is need to secure for our higher and theological courses the same government recognition and exemption from military duty that the lower course now enjoys, and to secure this we must have better building accommodations. It has been under great difficulties and hardships that the work of the Girls' School has been carried forward. We rejoice that these condi-

tions are gradually being removed by the erection of new and suitable buildings. Dr. Schneder writes the Church that when the buildings now asked for are erected, this will be the last extreme effort needed for our work in Japan. It will then be pretty well able to take care of itself. This fact should inspire the Church to come up nobly the next year to the support of the work.

With reference to our work in China we learn that the unflagging zeal and consecrated work of Dr. Hoy has been greatly blessed by the great Head of the Church. There is a pressing need for suitable buildings for the Boys' School and the Hospital, for two married missionaries and one more medical missionary. We note with pleasure the fact that the school has a name and an influence throughout that whole section of the country, although it has been so recently established. We learn also with pleasure of the seeking and searching for Christian light in China, as evidenced in the appeal and splendid offer made to Dr. Hoy by men from Ching-shi. We are indeed glad to note that the work of Dr. Beam is meeting with great success.

The idea of observing Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday-schools we learn has met with favor and promises good results. Next year being the 25th anniversary of the organization of our Foreign Work, we are glad to know steps are being taken looking forward to its proper celebration.

Now, from what these various reports bring to us, your Committee submits for your consideration, and, if advisable, adoption, the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved,* That we gratefully acknowledge the great blessings of God upon our Home and Foreign Missions during the past year; that Synod pledges itself anew to a faithful and loyal support of the great work of Missions, and most earnestly urges our Classes, pastors and people to a prayerful and earnest support of this work.

2. *Resolved,* That Synod shows its appreciation of the Board's efforts, by urging Classes to raise the apportionments in full, regarding them as the minimum sum to be contributed and request the pastors to let this take precedence of any special work that confronts them, however important.

3. *Resolved,* That Synod hears with pleasure of the grand success that has attended the efforts for gathering Church Building Funds, and that we commend this worthy cause anew to the people.

4. *Resolved,* That Synod learns with pleasure that the Board has succeeded in securing the service of Rev. D. A. Souders to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. A. S. De-

chant as Superintendent, and of the rearranging of the work for the better prosecution of the cause of Missions.

5. *Resolved,* That Synod heartily approves of the work of the Board among the Hungarians and Bohemians that have come to this country, and pledges itself to a hearty co-operation in this work.

6. *Resolved,* That Synod learns with pleasure of the successful completion of Grace Memorial Church at Washington, D. C., in which every member of the Reformed Church can feel a just and honest pride.

7. *Resolved,* That Synod shares the sorrow of the Board caused by the death of two of its efficient members, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., and Elder C. M. Bower.

8. *Resolved,* That Synod rejoices in the prosperity of the work of the Church in Japan and China, and in the fact that our people are responding more liberally to this worthy cause.

9. *Resolved,* That Synod shows its appreciation of the sacrificing labors of our missionaries by renewed pledges to do all in its power to hasten the completion of necessary buildings.

10. *Resolved,* That Synod accepts all the apportionments for both Home and Foreign Missions: Home Missions, $12,450; Harbor Missions, $193; Hungarian and Bohemian, $1,448; Work among Germans, $930; Foreign Misions, $7,240, and apportion the same to the different Classes.

11. *Resolved,* That the plan of the Board in regard to the six cents per member for Church Building be recommended to Classes and congregations.

12. *Resolved,* That we rejoice in the prospect of the 25th anniversary of our Foreign Mission work, and commend to the prayerful consideration of pastors and people the suggestions in the annual report of the Board, namely:

(1). That every congregation and Sunday-school observe the event.

(2). That the history of our work in Japan be widely studied.

(3). That a special thank offering large enough to meet the pressing needs be laid on the altar of Missions.

(4). That two new missionary families be sent this year and two next year.

13. *Resolved,* That pastors during the coming year, in the devotional services of both church and Sunday-school, make special prayer for God's blessing upon our Foreign Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

ATVILL CONNER, *Chairman.*

At an election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Rev. C. A. Santee was elected member of the Board of Home Missions for four years.

Members of the Synodic Board of Home Missions, and date of expiration of terms of service: Rev. C. A. Santee, 1907; Revs. J. David Miller and N. H. Skyles, 1906; Revs. J. F. Moyer and E. R. Deatrick, B.D., 1905; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., and L. E. Coblentz, 1904.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

George N. Forney, Treasurer, in Account with Potomac Synod.

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1902			
Oct. 14.	To Balance of Cash on hand		$ 154 16
	To Amounts received as follows:		
	ZION'S CLASSIS.		
	Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	$ 75 27	
	Contingent Fund of General Synod	63 73	139 00
	MARYLAND CLASSIS.		
	Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	140 00	
	Contingent Fund of General Synod	121 00	
	Science Hall Building	30 00	
	Theological Seminary	138 00	
	Catawba College	217 00	646 00
	NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.		
	Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	45 00	
	Contingent Fund of General Synod	40 00	
	Catawba College	168 50	253 50
	CARLISLE CLASSIS.		
	Work among the Germans	56 03	
	Contingent Fund Potomac Synod	73 20	
	Contingent Fund General Synod	14 73	
	Theological Seminary	56 66	
	Catawba College	122 36	322 98
	MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.		
	Catawba College	69 59	
	Theological Seminary	77 39	
	Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	65 00	
	Contingent Fund of General Synod	15 00	226 98

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of General Synod	81 00	
Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	95 00	
Theological Seminary	100 00	
Catawba College	145 00	421 00
From Trustees of Synod in aid of Science Hall Building, Lancaster, Pa., being proceeds of their note at 5 per cent. interest, given to Middletown (Md.) Bank for 6 months		5000 00

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

Theological Seminary	40 00	
Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	45 00	85 00

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	85 00	
Theological Seminary	87 00	172 00
		$7420 62

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By Expenditures as follows:

1902		
Oct. 20.	J. J. Nissley, Treas'r, for work among the Germans	$ 55 22
	and Harbor Missions	11 00
Nov. 6.	Rev. S. H. Stein, for use of church at Mechanicsburg	25 00
1903		
Feb. 6.	Fidelity Deposit Co., Balto., Md., Premium on Treasurer's Bond	25 00
" 7.	Publication Board for Minutes of Synod for 1902	169 10
" 25.	M. J. Rowe, Treasurer, for Catawba College	69 00
Mar. 5.	A. S. Weber and Committee expenses at meeting at Mechanicsburg, Pa	14 75
" 12.	E. B. Lyttle and Committee expenses at meeting at Mechanicsburg, Pa	5 98
Apr. 3.	C. S. Slagle, Treas., balance due by Synod on pledge for Washington Church	10 70
" 11.	E. R. Deatrick, salary as Stated Clerk of Synod, 1 yr.	100 00
" 11.	E. R. Deatrick, expenses for postage, expressage, etc.	16 50
" 25.	M. J. Rowe, Treas., for Catawba College	52 44
May 12.	J. W. Pontius and T. J. Barkley, expenses at meeting of Board of Trustees of Synod at Hanover, Pa	3 35
" 12.	J. W. Pontius, President, for 6 months' interest at 5 per cent. interest on Note of Board of Trustees of Synod for $5,000 at Middletown (Md.) Bank	125 00
" 16.	Lewis Robb, expenses attending meeting of Board of visitors at Lancaster, Pa.	5 75
" 16.	J. W. Bausman, Treas., in full of amount assumed by Potomac Synod for Science Building at Lancaster, Pa	5000 00
" 18.	J. H. Webber, Treas., interest on Brechbill legacy	12 00
" 21.	Rev. E. R. Eshbach and J. S. Kieffer, expenses attending meeting of Board of Visitors at Lancaster, Pa	6 41
June 2.	M. J. Rowe, Treas., for Catawba College	361 66
" 2.	John B. Roth, Treas., for Theological Seminary	344 98
" 3.	J. H. Cost, expenses attending meeting of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary	13 00
" 25.	C. S. Slagle, Treas., apportionment of Zion Classis for Washington Church	144 70
" 25.	J. W. Fisher & Co., for seal of Synod	3 50

Aug. 8.	J. D. Miller, Treas., expenses at meeting of Board of Education	15 45
Oct. 5.	M. J. Rowe, Treas., for Catawba College	239 35
" 14.	J. J. Nissley, Treas., for Work among the Germans	66 03
" 14.	Jno. B. Roth, Treas., for Theological Seminary	154 07
" 14.	Geo. N. Forney, Salary as Treasurer of Synod for one year to January 1, 1904	100 00
	Balance on hand, October 21, 1903	270 68
		$7420 62

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report during the session of Monday evening, which was read and then adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Finance respectfully reports as follows:

1. The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod, with the accompanying vouchers, have been carefully examined by us, and we have found them to be correct.

2. Item 14 in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, which was referred to us, refers to the following arrearages:

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod:—Zion's Classis, $80.31; Carlisle Classis, $6.99.

Contingent Fund of General Synod:—Carlisle Classis, $21.09.

We recommend that Synod call the attention of these Classes to their arrearages.

3. The following amounts have been referred to us for apportionment:

Home Missions, $12,450; Foreign Missions, $7,240; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, $1,448; Work Among the Germans, $930; Harbor Missions, $193; Potomac Synod Contingent Fund, $760; Theological Seminary, $1,050; Beneficiary Education, $1,800; Catawba College, $900; and Interest on Synod's Note of $5,000 for Franklin and Marshall College Science Building, $350; a total of $27,603.

We recommend the apportionment of the above amounts as follows:

CLASSES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	Work Among the Germans.	Harbor Missions.	Theological Seminary.	Potomac Synod Contingent.	Beneficiary Education.	Catawba College.	Interest on $5,000.	Total.
Maryland	3500	2000	332	260	40	209	160	410	195	75	7181
Gettysburg	1900	1100	212	155	31	144	105	345	145	50	4187
Juniata	2000	1130	220	155	31	157	115	345	145	60	4358
Zion's	1425	910	183	135	30	132	95	191	120	45	3266
Mercersburg ..	1300	700	170	105	24	113	85	191	85	40	2813
Carlisle	925	500	112	48	12	97	70	115	60	30	1969
Virginia	700	400	102	35	11	97	65	86	60	25	1581
N. Carolina ...	700	500	117	37	14	101	65	117	90	25	1806
	12450	7240	1448	930	193	1050	760	1800	900	350	27161

Respectfuly submitted,

F. F. BAHNER, *Chairman.*

Arrearages.

The following arrearages are still resting on the different Classes for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Apportionment, 1902. —Gettysburg, $69; Mercersburg, $30; Carlisle, $30; Virginia, $35.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Trustees of Synod respectfully offers the following report, to-wit:

The Board held three meetings during the year. The first was at Hanover, Pa., January 2, 1903. At this meeting the Board organized by electing the Rev. John W. Pontius, President, and the Rev. Dr. T. J. Barkley, Vice-President and Secretary. The Treasurer of Synod is the Treasurer of the Board. The Treasurer reported that his bond was in process of execution, and he was instructed to place it in the hands of the President as soon as completed, which, in due time, was done.

Owing to ill health, Elder Jacob N. Slagle tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and Elder Jacob H. Schriver was elected to fill the vacancy.

The second meeting was held at the same place, May 12, 1903. At this meeting the President of the Board was authorized and empowered to secure a loan of Nine Hundred and Ninety Dollars and Thirty-one cents ($990.31), at 5 per cent. interest, for six months, to pay balance of Synod's pledge to

the Washington Memorial Church. (See Min. of Synod, 1902, p. 60.) The loan was made at the Valley Bank, Middletown, Md., the obligation of the Board being given for the amount, which has been reduced by pledges, in full or in part, paid by the different Classes, to Five Hundred and Seventy-seven Dollars and Forty-three cents. ($577.43).

In this connection the Board would report further, that the amount due from Zion's Classis on pledge was not included in the amount which the Board was authorized to borrow, for the reason that the representatives of said Classis stated that the amount—$144.70—would be paid, in the near future to the Treasurer of the Fund. The promise was not kept; and in order that the Treasurer of the Fund might be able to close his account, the Treasurer of Synod, with the approval of the Secretary, paid the amount out of funds then in his hands. This was done under the apparently reasonable expectation that Zion's Classis would refund the money before this meeting of Synod. Representations to the officers of the Classis by both the Treasurer and Secretary of the Board touching the necessity of payment met with no response, and the amount is still unpaid.

At the same meeting a communication from the Rev. Dr. A. S. Weber, chairman of the committee to raise Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) for the Science Building of F. & M. College, was received, stating that nothing had been done, and that in order to relieve the treasury of the College, the Board as directed by Synod, should borrow the amount. (See Min. of Synod, 1902, p. 44.)

Accordingly the Board authorized and empowered the President to secure a loan of ($5,000.00) Five Thousand Dollars, for the purpose named, at 5 per cent. interest for six months. The money was obtained at the rate, and for the time named, at the Valley Bank, Middletown, Md., on an obligation signed by the members of the Board. To meet the interest the Treasurer was authorized to pay the sum of $125.00 out of funds of Synod in his hands. The note will be due November 12, 1903.

The Board respectfuly calls the attention of Synod to the necessity of providing means to pay back into the treasury the interest already paid, and of making provision for interest that may be needed in the future.

The annual meeting was held at Hanover, Pa., Oct. 16, 1903, at which time the securities of the Seminary Endowment Fund were examined and found to be in good condition. There are in the hands of the Treasurer notes, bonds and mortgages amounting to Thirty-three Thousand and Eight Dollars and Thirteen cents ($33,008.13) at an average rate of interest of

4⅞ per cent., and yielding a total income of Sixteen Hundred and Eight Dollars and Forty-three cents ($1,608.43).

The Seminary Fellowship Fund, with accrued interest, amounts to One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-four Dollars and Thirty-one cents ($1,864.31).

The term of Jacob D. Zehring will expire January 1, 1904, and his successor should be elected at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *President.*

Attest: T. J. BARKLEY, *Secretary.*

Gettysburg, Pa., Oct. 17, 1903.

The special committee to whom the item from the Report of the Board of Trustees, concerning $5,000 borrowed for the Science Building, reported. The report was read, and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Item in the Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

The committee to whom was referred an item in the Report of the Board of Trustees, namely, the $5,000.00 borrowed for the Science Building, begs leave to report:

That the matter referred to the Committee has been duly considered, and the Committee offers the following action for adoption:

Resolved, That the sum of $350.00 be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment upon the Classes, $125.00 of which shall be paid into the Treasury of Synod, for interest already paid out of funds in the hands of the Treasurer, and the balance for interest that may be needed to carry the note until the principal shall be raised, with the understanding that if any balance remain, it shall be credited to the Contingent Fund of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

Elder C. M. Wolf was duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees for the term of five years, from Jan. 1, 1904.

Members of the Board of Trustees and Terms of Service: Elder C. M. Wolf, for five years; Elder Geo. N. Forney, for four years; Elder J. H. Schriver, for three years; Rev. J. W. Pontius, for two years, and Rev. J. T. Barkley, D.D., for one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received, amended and adopted, as follows:

Report of the Sunday-school Committee

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Standing Committee on Sunday-schools begs leave to offer the following report:

We have carefully noted the papers that have come into our hands, consisting mainly of the Statistical Reports of the Sunday-schools in the Synod. From these we learn, with pleasure, that work in the various Sunday-schools has been carried on with some success, but we regret to report that very small gains have been made, and in many schools losses are reported. Whether these losses are actual, or whether the reports are at fault, we cannot determine. But we do know that some of the Statistical Reports are very incomplete.

In the offerings to the various benevolent objects there is a gain reported, which indicates that the benevolent side of Sunday-school has not been neglected. This may also be attributed to the increased prosperity of the times.

Your Committee believes, from the reports in their hands, that there must be a growing lack of interest in some of our Sunday-schools, and that the time has come for a forward movement in this work which is so vital to the spread of the Gospel.

As the primary department in the Sunday-school is the main channel through which the school is fed with new material, it is evident that special attention should be paid to this department. Here the Cradle Roll, in which the names of the infant children are enrolled, can be used to great advantage. Separate rooms, well equipped, are valuable aids in this department. A well organized Catechetical Class in each school can become a spiritual power, by which many may be won to Christ and the Church, who are without home training. "Decision Day" and "Rally Day" services may be used to advantage in building up and maintaining the interest in our schools.

Our Sunday-school Helps and Literature in general are among the very best, and we are glad to report that nearly all of our schools now use our own literature. With such a liter-

ature and a Sunday-school Board that will aid and assist all our weak schools, there is no reason why our Sunday-schools may not be among the very best in the land.

We note with pleasure that a number of model Sunday-school buildings have been erected within the past year. This is work in the right direction, and it is hoped that comfortable and attractive rooms will be provided wherever possible.

We suggest that special efforts be made by all pastors to train Sunday-school teachers, in order that they may be willing and qualified to teach and train those under their care, and thus raise the standard of our Sunday-school work. To this end, let normal classes be organized, with a view of graduation, by pursuing the prescribed course of study as suggested by the Sunday-school Board.

We would further recommend that house to house visitation committees be appointed in our schools, to serve for a year, whose duty shall be to look out for new scholars and bring back the straying.

We would also call special attention to the statistics of our schools; that the pastors see that the schools are fully and correctly reported to the Classes on the blanks furnished by the Board. Therefore,

Resolved, That we devoutly acknowledge the kindness and goodness of the Lord in leading and guiding us in our Sunday-school work.

Resolved, That the Classes of this Synod urge upon their pastors and consistories a more careful oversight and supervision of their Sunday-schools and that they personally see to it that the actions of Synod in regard to Sunday-schools be brought to the attention of their superintendents and teachers.

Resolved, That the Classes urge upon their pastors the necessity of procuring from their Sunday-schools full and complete statistical reports, and that the Classical Committees on Sunday-schools be urged to make their reports to Synod complete and correct.

Resolved, That the various benevolent objects of the Church be commended to the Sunday-schools, and that liberal offerings be made to the same.

Resolved, That Normal Classes be organized, not only in the larger schools, but also in the smaller schools, where they are likely most needed; in order that teachers may be properly qualified to teach the Word of God, and train the young in Christian living.

J. B. Shontz,
Ephraim Cornman,
W. A. Korn,
Lewis T. Lampe,
H. E. Bailey.

Statistical Report of Sunday-schools.

OBJECT.	CLASSES.								
	Maryland.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	Mercersburg.	Zion's.	Gettysburg.	Carlisle.	Juniata.	Total.
Sunday-schools	60	29	38	21	35	29	20	43	275
Officers and Teachers	1,208	317	339	361	876	456	323	658	4,538
Scholars	8,477	1,915	3,385	2,426	4,518	3,734	5,652	4,680	34,787
Total Teachers & Scholars	9,685	2,232	3,724	2,787	5,394	4,190	5,975	5,338	39,325
Average attendance	2,671	1,312	1,659	1,600	3,334	1,172	1,579	3,020	16,347
Ref. Mem. in Union S. S.	146	.....	.....	.....	411	.....	.....	.....	557
Church Mem. in S. S.	2,197	509	1,179	621	710	936	966	1,870	8,988
Baptized Scholars	1,713	488	663	480	1,042	1,182	589	1,893	7,050
Scholars confirmed	280	63	97	94	75	185	65	135	714
S. S. papers taken	4,372	.....	.....	.....	245	.....	25	.....	4,642
Volumes in Libraries	8,455	2,234	1,425	2,473	4,017	3,726	1,435	3,217	26,982
Paid to Gen. S. S. Board	$278	$70	$33	$31	$39	$943	$177	$251	$1,822
Paid to other boards	1,240	140	218	467	2,301	162	319	442	5,288
Paid to other objects	726	176	88	74	1,877	377	134	250	5,212
Sunday-school support	3,734	616	758	1,407	3,260	1,915	1,413	1,853	14,958
Total disbursements.	$5,978	$1,002	$1,097	$1,979	$8.381	$2,493	$3,043	$3.296	$27.269

Rev. P. A. DeLong was duly elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for a period of five years.

Members of Sunday-school Board, and date of expiration of term of service: Revs. P. A. DeLong, 1908; W. C. Schaeffer, 1907; C. A. Santee, 1906; H. H. Apple, 1905; S. H. Stein, 1904.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

In response to the overture from the Classis of Maryland, item 12, report of Committee on Minutes of Classes, the following resolution was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That the ratio of representation of the Classes constituting this Synod, shall be on the basis of one minister and one elder for every four ordained ministers enrolled at the time, and fractional part thereof, instead of one minister and one elder for every three ordained ministers, and fractional part thereof, as heretofore.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the expenses of the retiring President of Synod, incurred in attending the sessions of Synod for the purpose of preaching the opening sermon, shall be paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 19, of the report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia, at a cost of $169.10.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board of Publication begs leave to submit to your reverend body for your inspection and consideration the following as their annual report. We first of all present to you two exhibits, the one showing the losses and gains in last year's business, the other giving the resources and liabilities of the entire plant at the close of the year on the first day of July last.

LOSSES AND GAINS.

BOOK DEPARTMENT.			LOSSES.	GAINS.
Inventory July 1, 1903	$ 9,581 80			
Credits	23,298 08			
		$32,879 88		
Inventory July 1, 1902	$11,633 55			
Debits	18,814 79			
		$30,448 34		
				$2,431 54
REVIEW.				
Credits		$1,353 21		
Debits		1,334 66		
				$18 55
Interest on investments				$194 67
Royalty from S. S. Board				812 50
MESSENGER.				
Inventory July 1, 1902	$ 803 78			
Debits	23,396 93			
		$24,200 71		
Inventory July 1, 1903	$ 540 34			
Credits	21,308 28			
		$21,848 62		
			$2,352 09	

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

Inventory July 1, 1902	$1,306 80		
Debits	136 40		
		$1,443 20	
Inventory July 1, 1903		1,422 15	
			$21 05
Expenses Board Meetings, Printing Reports and Auditing Committee			$91 60
Net income for the year			$992 52
Total			$3,457 26 $3,457 26

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES JULY 1, 1903.

RESOURCES.

Cash	$1,397 96	
Money invested in Bonds, Mortgages, etc.	4,500 00	
Accounts receivable	3,392 79	
Merchandise, Book Department	9,581 80	
Merchandise, Messenger Department	540 34	
Advertising Accounts Receivable	1,228 30	
Rent paid in advance	233 33	
Furniture and fixtures	1,422 15	
Subscriptions due Messenger	4,203 74	
Subscriptions due Review	343 00	
		$26,843 41

LIABILITIES.

Messenger subscriptions paid in advance	$2,185 89	
Review subscriptions paid in advance	261 50	
Net capital, July 1, 1903	24,396 02	
		$26,843 41

In the judgment of the Board your publication interests are in an encouraging condition. There has been a marked increase in the volume of business done in the book department and in the profits resulting therefrom. And we again ask the Synods to give this branch of the institution their cordial support and increased patronage in order that still better results may be accomplished in the future. In the Messenger account there is a deficit of considerable dimensions. This is what was to have been expected when the subscription price of the paper was reduced to $1.25 per annum. In fact the shortage is not as great as the Board had anticipated. In the opinion of the manager even on the basis of its present circulation the Messenger account will make a more favorable showing a year hence because of increased income from various sources, especially from the advertising department. But the main remedy must be found in a larger circulation and the Board thinks that the Synods, in view of the low price of the paper, have the right to request and expect that every pastor within their bounds shall put forth faithful and persevering efforts to have the circulation of the Messenger increased among

the members of his charge. With the view of eliciting a deeper interest in the family church paper and of effecting a larger circulation of it the Board adopted the following action:

WHEREAS, The Messenger is owned by the three Eastern Synods of the Reformed Church and is published as their educational factor in the development of the life of the Church within their bounds, therefore, we, the Board of Publication of the three Eastern Synods, respectfully overture the above-mentioned bodies to request the Classes to ascertain at their annual meetings, through questions of their presidents addressed to the pastor and elder of each charge, the number of subscribers to the Messenger in his charge and what is done by the representatives of the charge to increase the number.

Further action was taken by the Board as follows:

WHEREAS, The year 1903 is the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Messenger, therefore,

Resolved, That the Synods be respectfully overtured to make special account of this fact at their coming meetings and take such measures as they may deem proper, to have this anniversary observed by the Classes and charges of their several bodies.

Resolved, That we ask each one of the three Synods who own this paper to name January 17, A. D. 1904, as Messenger Day and that they request all the ministers of these Synods to preach a sermon on that day on the subject of this publication.

Resolved, That in the event of the Synods' complying with this request the Manager of the Board be requested to notify all the pastors of these Synods of the action taken by their several Synods.

The above actions of the Board are hereby through this report submitted to the Synods for their consideration and action. May we not hope that all parties interested, Synods, Classes, pastors and consistories, may be filled with a realizing sense of the great importance of the cause represented by your Board, and take such actions and perform such works as will enhance the cause many fold in the near future.

The terms of office of C. S. Slagle and C. R. Ferner expire with the close of the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest: W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

A. E. TRUXAL, *Secretary.*

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication presented its report during the session of Monday afternoon. It was received, and adopted, and is as follows:

From the report of the Board of Publication we learn that the publication interests of the Synod are in a prosperous condition. We offer the following for adoption:

1. *Resolved,* That we commend the wise and efficient management of the Board and its business manager.

2. *Resolved,* That we urge upon our pastors and people a fuller patronage of the book store both for their own advantage and for the support of this department of the Board's work.

3. *Resolved,* That, inasmuch as 1903 is the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Messenger, we designate January 17th, 1904, as Messenger Day, and that we request all ministers of this Synod to preach a sermon on that day on the value and importance of this our oldest Church paper.

4. *Resolved,* That we request the Classes within the bounds of this Synod to ascertain at their annual meetings, through questions of their presidents addressed to the pastor and elder of each charge, the number of subscribers to the Messenger in his charge, and what is done by the representatives of the charge to increase its circulation.

5. *Resolved,* That we heartily commend the Messenger as a paper well adapted to the help of developing individual character, and of promoting the success of the educational, missionary and other general enterprises of the Church, and that we urge upon all our pastors and consistories the importance of increasing its circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

At the election for members of the several Boards of Syond, Rev. C. S. Slagle was elected a member of the Board of Publication for a term of four years.

Members of the Board of Publication and dates of expiration of the terms of service.—Rev. C. S. Slagle, 1907; W. Rush Gillan, 1906.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Saturday morning the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 2.30 o'clock on Monday afternoon. At the time designated, the election was held;

Revs. E. W. Stonebraker, W. A. Korn, and J. S. Corle and J. E. Omwake acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere in connection with the action of Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Theological Seminary, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Board of Publication, Board of Managers of Deaconess Home and Sunday-school Board.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to report as follows:

The Committee received no documents from St. Paul's Orphan Home. From the documents placed in our hands from Bethany Orphan Home we learn that the institution is in a prosperous condition.

At present there are 125 orphans cared for, an increase of one over last year. Of this number there are at present 11, and soon will be 18, from within the bounds of this Synod.

This Home is now forty years old, is well managed and enjoys a state of peace and harmony. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge our indebtedness and gratitude to the Father of Orphans, under Whose care and blessing during these forty years Bethany Orphan Home has grown from so small a beginning to an institution so great in extent and usefulness.

Resolved, That to meet the needs of this institution and to avoid the annual temporary deficit, Synod heartily commends Bethany Orphan Home to the earnest prayer and even more liberal support of all our Classes, pastors, consistories and people.

Resolved, That liberal Christmas offerings be made and devoted to Bethany or St. Paul's Orphan Homes.

GEO. STIBITZ, *Chairman.*

Resolutions Concerning Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Committee on Orphan Homes, to whom was referred the matter of sympathy in the case of the illness of Dr. P. C. Prugh, makes the following report:

Having seen the statement in the last number of the "Messenger" that "the venerable Rev. Dr. P. C. Prugh, late Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, is seriously ill at his residence in Butler, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Synod of the Potomac, in session at Salisbury, N. C., do herewith, individually as well as collectively, send fraternal greetings to Father Prugh, extend to him our sincere sympathy in his illness, and earnestly pray our common Lord and Master to further continue the usefulness and benediction of his life among us.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Dr. Prugh, and finally

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the several Church papers. GEO. STIBITZ, *Chairman.*

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement was presented to Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows. It was referred to a special committee, Revs. C. S. Slagle, H. J. Hillegass, and Elder E. Cornman, who presented their report, which was adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As Treasurer of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," we present for information the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year ending September 30th, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Maryland Classis	$218 25
Juniata Classis	143 88
Carlisle Classis	83 95
Gettysburg Classis	80 34
Zion's Classis	77 06
Virginia Classis	66 32
Mercersburg Classis	42 61
	$712 41

EXPENDITURES.

Maryland Classis	3 annuitants	$105 00
Juniata Classis	2 annuitants	100 00
Carlisle Classis	1 annuitant	100 00
Virginia Classis	1 annuitant	75 00
Gettysburg Classis	1 annuitant	50 00
Mercersburg Classis	1 annuitant	50 00
	9 annuitants	$480 00

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States present for publication, in the Minutes of your reverend body, the following statement of the financial operations of the same for the year ending September 30, 1903:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury Oct. 4th, 1902	$4,928 25
Cash from loans paid	4,550 00
Cash from bequests	6,007 62
Cash from collections in the churches	2,867 87
Cash from interest on investments	2,746 33
Cash from individual gifts	367 09
Cash from Pittsburgh Synod (special)	275 00
Cash from Sunday-school royalty on S. S. Hymnal	130 00
	$21,872 16

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for reinvestment		$4,550 00
New investment, J. Y. Dietz legacy	$5,000 00	
B. Wolff, Jr., legacy	1,000 00	
J. Naille, legacy	7 62	
Life membership	2,493 11	
		8,500 73
Paid to sixty-four annuitants		3,862 15
Paid to Treasurers' salary and bond		610 00
Paid to D. S. M. Home as per order		147 29
Paid for traveling expenses		114 29
Paid for postage and stationery		23 00
Cash in treasury, Sept. 30th, 1903		4,064 70
		$21,872 16

ASSETS.

Invested fund	$59,095 00
Cash in treasury, Sept. 30, 1903	4,064 70
	$63,159 70

The following ministers have become members during the year:

LIFE MEMBERS: Revs. Ernest W. Henschen, William Stechow, George W. Hartman, Jerome B. Henry, William Bonekemper, Carl Bank, D.D.; John P. Dieffenderfer, John M. Grether, J. Harvey Mickley, Henry S. Garner, Cyrus M. Hartzell, Isaac S. Stahr, Daniel N. Harnish, J. Grant Walter, Gustave R. Poetter, James R. Brown, John A. Danner, Abner S. Dechant, A. Emil Dahlman, D. D.; Lewis D. Steckel, David W. Ebbert, D.D.; Hiram J. Hillegass, Eugene P. Skyles, Paul H. Land, J. Lewis Fluck, William S. Adams, Melchoir Denny, James W. Meminger, D. D.; Ellis S. Hay, Lewis C. Edmonds, Albert Lobach, Dewalt S. Fouse, D. D.; John A. Mertz, J. Hamilton Smith and Ernest W. Weaver.

ANNUAL MEMBERS: Revs. J. N. Faust and William A. McClellan.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY: Rev. J. David Miller, President, Everett, Pa.; Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Vice-President, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. John W. Pontius, Secretary, Middletown, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer, and Solicitor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Adsessor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. H. F. Dittmar, Adsessor, Jefferson, Md.

Attention is also called to the noble cause the Society represents, and the increasing number of ministers and widows of ministers calling for financial aid, with the hope that your reverend body will make more liberal provision for them.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations,

I am yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer,*

Oct. 9, 1903. Frederick, Md.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your special committee to whom was referred the report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows, begs leave to report the following:

It is with pleasure that the Synod learns of the steady growth of this Society and of the good which, under the blessing of our Heavenly Father, it is accomplishing.

Resolved, Since the number of dependents increases year by year, we again commend this worthy cause to the members of the Church within the bounds of this Synod, and urge that it be presented to the people at least once a year, and that they be urged to a larger liberality in behalf of our dependent ministers.

C. S. SLAGLE, *Chairman.*

Deaconess House.

The Board of Managers of the Deaconess House presented their annual report. It was read, acted on item by item, adopted, and then referred to a special committee, Revs. P. A. DeLong, W. A. Korn, Ph.D., and Elder Deatrick Hildebrand. They presented their report on Monday evening. It was read and adopted:

To the Revcrend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home to be established in York, Pa., begs leave to submit the following report:

The members of the Board as elected at the last meeting of Synod are: Revs. H. M. J. Klein, E. B. Lyttle, F. C. Seitz, H. H. Apple, Elders I. Laucks, W. A. Dromgold, C. P. Gettier, M.D. The Board met, all being present, on Nov. 10, 1902, at York, Pa., and organized by electing Rev. Henry H. Apple, President, and Rev. E. B. Lyttle, Secretary and Treasurer. An executive committee was selected to consist of the two above named officers and Elder W. A. Dromgold. Plans and methods for the establishment and prosecution of the work were set forth in accord with the decision and recommendation of the General Synod, adopted at Tiffin, Ohio, in 1899. It was decided to raise by personal solicitation from individuals the sum of $4,000 for the purchase of a suitable building to be used as a Deaconess Home. Local conditions made it impossible as yet to fulfill this plan which we hope to accomplish in the future. Meanwhile we are ready to make provision to receive and instruct and direct in the work any one who is desirous to enter upon the work of Deaconess within the bounds of this Synod.

We herewith present to you the following for your action, to correspond to the recommendation of General Synod:

1. The Synod of the Potomac recognizes the importance of the work of the deaconess as demanded by the conditions of the Church and of society.

2. A deaconess is a Christian woman, a member of the Church, who devotes herself to the service of the Lord in ministering to the sick and needy and spiritually distressed, consecrated to this service by the laying-on of hands.

3. To be proficient in her office, she should be taught in Bible history and Christian faith, as well as in such branches as are necessary for her to know in her service. She shall, if found competent, be consecrated to this office by a minister of the Church.

4. Before her ordination, she shall publicly answer affirmatively the folowing question:

"Wilt thou, as a servant of Jesus Christ, endeavor to perform, in obedience and faithfulness, the duties which the Word of God prescribes for the Christian calling in general? Wilt thou consecrate thyself to the Lord, who has loved us even unto death, for service with self-denial, humility and love, to serve Him in the poor and needy, and to strive to do that which is pleasing in His sight?"

5. If a deaconess serves in a congregation, she is under the supervision and direction of the pastor and consistory; if she is a member of a Deaconess Home, she remains under the care of, and is responsible to, her Board.

6. For identification and protection in her vocation, she ought to wear the plain garb of a deaconess.

7. The vow of celibacy or of life-long vocation shall not be required of the deaconess.

8. A deaconess may withdraw from her office, after due notice of her intention has been given; or she may, for sufficient reason, be deposed from office.

9. The Deaconess Home is an institution of instruction and training for the deaconess.

10. The Deaconess Home is also the Mother House of the deaconess, whether they are serving in a congregation, or are on duty elsewhere; she remains a daughter of the Home.

The terms of two members of the Board expire with this meeting of Synod, viz: Rev. H. H. Apple and Elder C. P. Gettier, M. D. One minister is to be elected for a period of four years and one elder for a period of three years.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. APPLE, *President.*

E. BRUCE LYTTLE, *Sec'y and Treas.*

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home, beg leave to report the following:

Synod rejoices in that part of the report which informs it that the Board is ready to receive and instruct and direct in the work any one who is desirous to enter upon the work of the deaconess within the bounds of the Synod. Be it therefore

Resolved, That the attention of pastors and consecrated young women of the Synod be directed to this offer, and that the Board more fully inform the Church of the status and progress of the work committed to its charge.

Resolved, That the action of the Synod of last year be so modified as to read: "That Synod authorize the Board of Managers to purchase, or rent a property for the House in York, Pa., whenever sufficient funds shall be secured."

Resolved, That the action of Synod last year be reiterated, and that the Board of Managers be authorized and instructed to canvass the churches within the bounds of the Synod for funds to secure and maintain the House.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. DELONG,

W. A. KORN,

DETRICK HILDEBRAND.

At the election Rev. H. H. Apple was elected member of the Board of Managers for four years, and Elder P. C. Wiest for three years.

Members of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home: Revs. H. M. J. Klein, E. B. Lyttle, F. C. Seitz, H. H. Apple; Elders I. Laucks, W. A. Dromgold, P. C. Wiest.

Temperance.

The following resolution was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its sympathy with the cause of temperance, heartily endorses the effort made by the citizens of Salisbury to banish the saloon from their community, and prays for its success on November 12, the day set apart for the decision of this most important question; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be given to the press of the city for publication.

On Monday evening Rev. M. O. Noll, in behalf of Synod, presented to Dr. Duttera a purse containing $51.50, for the repainting of Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury. Rev. Dr. Duttera briefly replied, thanking Synod for the gift.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod presented its report, which was received and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to offer the following report:

During the past synodical year but one death occurred in the membership of our Synod.

Rev. Thomas Franklin Hoffmeier.

Rev. Thomas Franklin Hoffmeier, the son of Rev. Charles F. and Margaret (Weiser) Hoffmeier, was born in Lancaster, Pa., October 30, 1837, was baptized in infancy by Rev. J. C. Baker, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa., and when fourteen years old he was received into full membership with the Church by his father, at Somerset, Pa. He graduated with honors from Franklin and Marshall College in 1861, and took his course in Theology at Mercersburg, Pa., graduating with the class of 1868.

He was licensed at Manheim, Lancaster county, Pa., by Lancaster Classis, May 23, 1868, and ordained to the holy ministry at Landisburg, Pa., June 29 of the same year. He served the Landisburg charge, consisting of the Landisburg, Loysville, St. Peter's and Germany congregations, from 1868 to June 28,

1872, and the Bloomsburg charge, consisting of the Bloomsburg and Heller's or Emanuel's congregations, from February 29, 1872, to July 1, 1876. On July 10, 1876, he became pastor of the Middletown, Md., charge, and continued to serve this field for twenty-one years till July 10, 1897, organizing during this period, on April 29, 1883, the congregation at Braddock, five miles from Middletown. From August 11, 1897, to the time of his death he was pastor of the Mt. Pleasant charge, consisting of the Mt. Pleasant, Union Chapel and Grace Trinity, supplying at the same time the Centerville or Rocky Hill congregation, and from July 15, 1900, the Braddock congregation.

The Church called Rev. Hoffmeier to fill many positions of trust and honor. He was president of this Synod at Woodstock, Va., in 1898; corresponding secretary of the General Synod at Reading, Pa., 1893; a member of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, of which he was secretary for four years; president of the Board of Trustees; a member of the Board of Education of this Synod and secretary of the same from October, 1899, to the time of decease; and secretary of the Society for the Relief of Ministers since 1883. For many years Bro. Hoffmeier was an active figure at various meetings of this Synod, rendering valuable service as a wise counselor and a faithful servant. He was one of God's noble workmen, possessing a truly great heart, a self-sacrificing spirit, a good, sound, clear mind which he exercised always so willingly in behalf of his Church.

On November 2, 1869, Rev. Hoffmeier was married to Miss Sallie Miller Ankeny, daughter of John T. Ankeny, of near Clearspring, Md. Seven children were born to them—four daughters and three sons.

Rev. Hoffmeier died after a brief illness on Nov. 1. 1902, at his home in Mt. Pleasant, Frederick county, Md. Appropriate and impressive services were held by a number of the ministers of Maryland Classis in the Reformed Church at Mt. Pleasant on November 5, and on the folowing day the body was taken to St. Paul's Reformed Church near Clearspring, which had been the spiritual home of his beloved companion, and there it was laid to rest.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Hillegass, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its hearty thanks to the pastor and congregation of Faith Reformed Church and the citizens of Salisbury, N. C., for their very kind hospitality and most royal entertainment during the Thirty-first Annual Sessions of the Synod of the Potomac.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be given to the pastor, Rev. W. B. Duttera, and to the pastors of the other churches of the city, and they be requested to read the same from their pulpits to their respective congregations. Also that a copy be given to the press of the city for publication.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk return the thanks of Synod to the Trunk Line and Southeastern Passenger Associations for reduced rates to the members of Synod.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay to the pastor of the church in which these sessions were held the sum of twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and those found absent without permission were excused.

The journal of Monday's session was then read and approved and the Minute of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, viz:

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Everett, Pa., on Wednesday evening, October 26, A. D. 1904, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated body.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening, October 26, 1903, at 8.30 o'clock, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

MILES O. NOLL, *President,*

E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

An official copy from the original minutes.

E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORT.

ZION'S CLASS S.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Sunday-Schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erasure of Name	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Unc'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.			Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Aaron Spangler	Trinity	5	316	237	150	25	1	19	4	3	..	11	7	3	6	41	537	..	$ 49 00	$ 546 00	20	511 W. Market St., York.
Aaron H. Leisz	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	...	Host, Berks Co., Pa.
Francis C. Yost, D.D.	Heidelberg, York	1	592	425	241	15	2	20	26	8	..	...	5	4	1	31	680	..	420 00	14113 00	12	115 N. Beaver St., York.
George S. Sorber	Bethany, York	1	144	109	83	18	...	11	20	...	..	3	1	2	1	29	235	..	63 00	675 00	8	714 W. King St., York.
George Stibitz, Ph.D.	Zion's, York	1	450	361	200	33	2	16	25	8	..	...	3	....	1	45	492	..	321 00	1951 00	12	411 W. Phila. St., York.
John J. Stauffer	Dallastown	3	179	166	120	8	...	6	....	1	..	...	...	4	..	....	....	..	42 00	640 00	13	746 Poplar St., York.
Oliver P. Schellhamer	Paradise	5	1000	968	675	87	4	37	7	12	..	...	21	24	5	48	900	1	515 00	4045 00	40	421 W. Phila. St., York.
Raymond E. Butz, M.D.	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	...	York, Pa.
Henry H. Apple	Trin. 1st Ref., York	1	544	415	230	15	...	3	8	3	..	...	8	2	1	38	340	..	1110 00	2552 00	15	119 S. Duke St., York.
Charles P. Kehl	Dillsburg	4	225	128	130	5	2	9	....	....	..	....	5	5	4	46	322	..	70 00	735 00	16	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.
Wm. A. Korn, Ph.D.	Kreutz Creek	3	350	259	109	17	...	11	2	6	..	...	8	1	4	....	....	..	337 00	1990 00	28	Hellam, York Co., Pa.
Hiram J. Hillegass	Shrewsbury	4	437	350	301	28	2	21	14	4	..	...	12	3	4	74	410	..	353 00	1135 00	20	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.
H. M. J. Klein	Grace, York	1	334	294	300	8	1	19	15	4	..	3	2	3	1	33	507	..	812 00	4336 00	9	223 N. Hartley St., York.
E. Bruce Lyttle	Memorial, York	1	186	128	89	10	1	10	2	2	..	6	3	5	1	26	260	..	159 00	1555 00	10	117 W. Market St., York.
Israel S. Leiby	Glen Rock	3	465	370	230	25	...	...	17	12	..	11	3	6	2	32	161	..	343 00	805 00	20	Glen Rock, York Co., Pa.
J. Kern McKee	St. John's	2	112	103	110	13	...	1	7	...	..	1	2	6	2	....	....	..	90 00	2153 00	8	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.
Charles B. Heinly	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	...	York, Pa.
W. A. Korn, Ph.D., supply	Locust Grove	1	25	23	5	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	....	1	18	45	..	22 00	64 00	...	Hellam, York Co., Pa.
J. Kern McKee, supply	Lebanon	1	15	14	15	1	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	4 00	19 00	4	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.
Total, 17	16.	37	5374	4350	2988	308	15	183	148	63		35	80	68	34	561	4889	1	$4710 00	$37314 00	235	

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Attest: AARON SPANGLER, Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Sunday-Schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erasure of Name	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Unc'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
J. A. Hoffheins, D.D.	Christ	1	331	261	126	5	...	17	3	8	..	4	7	....	1	28	192	..	$ 590 00	$ 1939 00	...	Martinsburg, W. Va.
J. W. Rauch	Falling Waters	1	17	14	3	3	3	4	1	...	..	...	1	1	1	7	40	..	25 00	33 00	6	Martinsburg, W. Va.
G. G. Everhart	St. Stephen	1	18	17	10	1	...	2	4	...	..	...	...	....	1	6	30	..	192 00	256 00	6	Harrisonburg, Va.
Josiah May	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Bayard, W. Va.
Samuel A. Hitner	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Edinburg, Va.
N. H. Skyles	Woodstock	2	247	230	150	1	3	6	7	5	..	...	1	....	1	16	84	..	404 00	1375 00	...	Woodstock, Va.
H. Ditzler	Mill Creek	4	196	172	123	4	2	7	1	2	..	...	2	2	3	24	174	..	110 00	950 00	...	Mt. Jackson, Va.
J. Silor Garrison	Massanutten Acad.	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Woodstock, Va.
Lewis T. Lampe	St. James	1	130	118	86	6	1	6	6	...	..	...	4	....	1	14	70	..	290 00	1760 00	12	Lovettsville, Va.
R. Raymond Jones	Middlebrook	2	219	187	72	4	9	9	8	6	..	3	4	....	2	28	196	1	140 00	1178 48	12	Arbor Hill, Va.
Ellis S. Hay	St. Paul's	1	60	42	32	2	1	2	7	4	..	...	...	....	1	11	60	..	45 00	425 00	6	Roanoke, Va.
Henry Wissler	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Thurmont, Md.
A. Theo. Wright	Rockingham	3	324	219	153	7	7	5	....	7	..	...	7	1	4	23	157	..	467 00	757 00	17	Mt. Crawford, Va.
A. Shulenberger	Edinburg	3	145	129	68	6	3	5	2	1	..	2	5	4	2	16	115	..	115 00	560 00	14	Edinburg, Va.
M. A. Kieffer	Timberville	3	270	236	127	13	11	7	17	5	..	2	5	2	2	16	155	..	101 00	567 00	10	Timberville, Va.
T. K. Cromer	Winchester	2	121	93	81	5	1	6	6	2	..	...	2	1	2	19	95	..	135 00	680 00	15	Winchester, Va.
Supply	Smithfield	1	8	7	1	...	...	...	....	...	..	...	1	....	..	....	....	..	.....	98 00	...	Winchester, Va.
Andrew H. Smith	Harrisville	2	231	226	80	6	4	19	8	12	..	11	1	1	2	29	217	..	263 19	1395 43	15	Toms Brook, Va.
Joseph Elmer Guy	Shepherdstown	2	176	100	52	1	1	5	2	...	..	...	1	....	2	21	125	..	131 00	735 00	14	Shepherdstown, W. Va.
Ben K. Hay	Mt. Crawford	3	199	180	45	...	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	3	46	154	..	177 00	.....	12	Mt. Crawford, Va.
Total, 1.	16.	32	2642	2221	1209	64	46	100	72	52		22	41	12	28	304	1864	1	$3185 00	$12709 00	139	

NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Sunday-Schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erasure of Name	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Unc'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers.		Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
John Ingle	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Green Park, N. C.
Michael L. Hedrick	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Silver Hill, N. C.
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.	Grace	1	78	59	22	3	1	3	....	1	..	...	...	....	1	8	36	..	$ 40 00	$ 150 00	3	Newton, N. C.
Peter M. Trexler, D.D.	Agt. of Catawba Col.	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Newton, N. C.
John A. Foil, Ph.D.	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Newton, N. C.
Paul Barringer	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Joseph L. Murphy, D.D.	Hickory	1	169	152	56	6	1	7	15	2	..	...	3	2	1	12	112	..	625 00	884 00	12	Hickory, N. C.
Jacob C. Leonard	Lexington Mission	1	83	60	30	10	3	5	9	1	..	...	...	....	1	12	212	..	53 00	600 00	8	Lexington, N. C.
J. M. Luther Lyerly, Ph.D	Central Rowan	4	202	196	230	16	...	12	3	5	..	3	5	....	4	36	429	1	122 00	420 00	20	Crescent, N. C.
James D. Andrew	Burlington Mission	3	171	146	50	8	15	25	8	6	..	7	...	....	3	16	465	..	85 00	323 00	16	Burlington, N. C.
Julius H. Shuford	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Hickory, N. C.
Harvey A. M. Holshauser	Upper Davidson	4	455	335	192	7	10	29	3	17	..	22	5	1	4	38	500	1	167 00	1309 00	65	Lexington, N. C.
Wm. M. McNairy	Lenoir Mission	1	14	12	....	1	1	2	1	...	..	...	...	....	1	3	15	..	11 00	426 00	4	Lenoir, N. C.
Clarence Clapp	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Newton, N. C.
Charles H. Riedesel	East Rowan	3	322	220	260	19	...	13	3	10	..	...	3	1	..	....	....	1	298 00	583 00	9	Rockwell, N. C.
Henry E. Sechler	Without charge	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Gainesville, Fla.
Joshua L. Bowers	West Rowan	2	213	179	116	9	...	1	4	9	..	1	2	3	2	26	256	1	102 00	465 00	8	China Grove, N. C.
John H. Keller	New Gilead	2	289	245	203	25	...	14	1	6	..	1	5	....	2	21	208	..	132 00	473 00	12	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Wm. B. Duttera, Ph.D.	Salisbury Mission	1	52	33	37	3	...	3	15	2	..	2	...	....	1	10	59	..	33 00	536 00	6	Salisbury, N. C.
Wm. H. Stubblebine, Ph.D.	Newton	1	149	100	90	7	1	6	6	15	..	2	1	1	1	17	147	1	306 00	1315 00	9	Newton, N. C.
David E. Bowers	High Point Mission	1	61	37	19	9	8	17	17	9	..	3	2	....	1	11	140	..	27 00	95 00	9	High Point, N. C.
Samuel W. Beck	Catawba	4	181	164	82	2	1	11	3	3	..	4	2	....	1	11	63	..	57 00	130 00	9	Conover, N. C.
Walter W. Rowe	Thomasville Mission	3	200	105	105	2	1	4	4	6	..	15	4	1	3	22	225	..	62 00	430 00	12	Thomasville, N. C.
Calvin B. Heller	Lincoln	4	321	257	143	13	...	2	19	10	..	...	4	....	4	36	167	1	292 00	564 00	27	Maiden, N. C.
Wm. H. Causey	Lower Davidson	5	241	153	18	5	5	16	5	8	..	12	7	1	2	21	120	..	.....	295 00	16	Lexington, N. C.
Shuford Peeler	Greensboro Mission	1	18	....	....	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	4	Greensboro, N. C.
W. H. McNairy, Supply	Blowing Rock	1	18	12	25	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	4	Blowing Rock, N. C.
Vacant	Guilford	2	311	....	....	6	...	...	...	8	..	...	8	1	2	15	147	1	70 00	288 00	12	Lamont, N. C.
Vacant	Bethel	1	84	40	30	1	3	2	2	...	..	3	...	....	1	7	70	..	21 00	100 00	6	Hickory, N. C.
Vacant	Concord	1	86	65	35	3	...	...	4	1	..	1	...	....	1	10	73	..	65 00	432 00	6	Concord, N. C.
Total, 26.	22.	47	3718	2568	1743	156	50	162	122	109		76	51	11	36	322	3414	7	$2568 00	$9413 00	269	

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

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Jos. W. Santee, D.D.	Without charge	..																			...	Mercersburg, Pa.
Geo. L. Staley, D.D.	Without charge	..																			...	1506 Bolton St., Balto.,Md.
Ed. R. Eschbach, D.D.	Evangelical Ref.	1	560	500	348	24	...	19	14	15	..	1	17	14	1	89	441	..	$2681 00	$4731 00	...	Frederick, Md.
J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.	Zion	1	493	408	150	13	7	20	6	20	..	...	9	8	1	45	289	1	858 00	2519 00	...	Hagerstown, Md.
Joel T. Rossiter, D.D.	First Church	1	661	497	448	37	1	26	15	1	..	1	6	7	1	32	294	1	608 00	7417 00	...	822 N. Calvert St., Balto.
Conrad Clever, D.D.	Third Church	1	317	239	64	9	...	11	6	4	..	...	2	3	1	35	194	1	800 00	2800 00	...	516 W. Mulberry St.,Balto.
Silas M. Hench	Utica	3	441	237	255	17	...	15	....	4	..	...	3	5	3	62	324	..	256 00	728 00	...	Frederick, Md.
Jacob B. Kershner	Without charge	..																			...	175 Lacock St.,Allegheny,Pa.
Louis F. Zinkhan	Supt. Bayview Asyl.	..																			...	Bayview, Baltimore, Md.
E. Ranson Deatrick, B.D.	Trinity	1	176	120	138	13	...	6	2	2	..	12	1	....	1	21	233	..	212 00	1080 00	...	342 3d Av., Woodberry, Md.
Barton R. Carnahan	Mt. Moriah	3	278	218	57	5	2	14	2	16	..	13	5	....	2	40	200	..	178 00	1016 00	...	Keedysville, Md.
Calvin S. Slagle	St. Paul's	1	145	128	57	2	...	4	3	4	..	2	1	....	1	18	60	..	203 00	1018 00	...	Westminster Md.
George A. Snyder	Christ, Hagerstown.	2	396	341	176	16	10	18	16	5	..	...	5	4	2	40	275	..	421 00	4074 00	...	Hagerstown, Md.
Adam S. Weber, D.D.	Faith	1	328	315	260	33	...	36	17	4	..	30	1	8	1	44	507	1	291 00	1869 00	...	130 S. Patt. Park Av.,Balto.
George A. Whitmore	Thurmont	4	437	380	440	23	...	23	10	26	..	...	3	2	4	69	491	1	229 00	2856 00	...	Thurmont, Md.
Harry F. Dittmar	Jefferson	2	217	186	106	8	...	2	1	1	..	...	2	3	2	32	203	..	330 00	850 00	...	Jefferson, Md.
George W. Snyder	Without charge	..																			...	Boonsboro, Md.
Charles W. Levan	St. Stephen's	1	121	96	84	6	...	9	6	4	..	1	1	....	1	19	122	..	103 00	863 00	...	306 E. 23d St., Balto., Md.
Hiram J. Macalister	Union Bridge	3	258	210	98	4	...	2	2	2	..	...	5	....	3	32	130	..	142 00	560 00	...	Union Bridge, Md.
Atvill Conner	Manor	3	273	217	119	10	...	13	2	5	..	...	...	2	3	46	202	..	374 00	1330 00	...	Adamstown, Md.
Isaac M. Motter	Without charge	..																			...	Frederick, Md.
Lloyd E. Coblentz	St. Paul's, Balto.	1	510	450	474	27	2	16	13	4	..	3	10	13	1	37	401	..	643 00	8408 00	...	1314 W.MulberrySt.,Balto
Samuel M. Roeder	Manchester	3	557	412	237	15	1	16	2	5	..	...	8	1	3	48	297	..	305 00	1122 00	...	Manchester, Md.
Alexander Bateman, Ph.D.	Taneytown	2	220	270	188	23	4	9	8	10	..	...	6	3	1	23	204	..	273 00	925 00	...	Taneytown, Md.
Simon S. Miller	Treas. Relief Soc.	..																			...	Frederick, Md.
Christopher Noss	Foreign Missionary.	..																			...	New Holland, Pa.
Fred W. Bald	Clearspring	2	225	194	75	10	4	9	1	7	..	...	3	4	3	34	310	..	267 00	1225 00	...	Clearspring, Md.
*Wm. C. B. Shulenberger	Emmittsburg	1	146	125	46	7	...	6	....	7	..	1	...	1	1	9	36	1	50 00	800 00	...	Emmittsburg, Md.
John W. Pontius	Christ, Middletown.	1	549	388	390	16	...	21	7	4	..	1	6	5	1	58	464	..	620 00	6123 00	...	Middletown, Md.
Eugene L. McLean	Grace, Frederick.	1	247	190	175	26	...	13	23	12	..	...	4	3	1	27	395	1	220 00	4010 00	...	Frederick, Md.
David J. Wolf	Glade	2	254	205	129	11	4	15	10	2	..	...	1	4	2	37	228	..	260 00	793 00	...	Walkersville, Md.
Elmer L. Coblentz	St. Paul's, Ridgely.	1	125	100	60	5	...	7	2	...	..	...	...	1	1	21	118	..	104 00	1129 00	...	Ridgely, Md.
J. Stewart Hartman	St. Mary's	1	568	446	351	18	...	14	7	4	..	1	8	4	1	26	195	..	554 00	1473 00	...	Silver Run, Md.
Wm. E. Lampe	Foreign Missionary.	..																			...	Sendai, Japan.
John M. Schick, D.D.	Grace, Washington.	1	215	171	60	7	...	8	7	2	..	...	1	....	1	19	123	..	283 00	3702 00	...	1405 15thSt.,N.W.,Wash'ton.
James M. Mullan, B.D.	St. Mark's	1	130	103	75	11	5	22	17	4	..	1	2	3	1	15	298	..	67 00	1038 00	...	2302 Federal St., Balto.,Md.
James B. Stonesifer	Carroll	3	288	250	137	24	2	12	6	3	..	...	2	1	3	45	265	..	140 00	885 00	...	Westminster, Md.
Robt. J. Pilgram	Grace, Balto.	1	179	147	151	18	...	18	20	12	..	5	2	3	1	27	252	..	126 00	1255 00	...	1231 Light St., Balto., Md.
Will S. Fisher	Burkittsville	2	177	138	61	...	1	18	4	...	..	...	...	....	2	15	95	..	127 00	906 00	...	Burkittsville, Md.

Gustav R. Poetter.....	Christ, Balto.....	1	235	181	110	15	...	20	24	1	..	18	4	....	1	26	275	..	170 00	2300 00	...	1606 N. Gilmor St., Balto.
J. Philip Harner.....	Cavetown	3	376	306	197	12	4	14	10	2	..	2	7	1	3	38	155	..	237 00	912 00	...	Cavetown, Md.
Samuel T. Wagner.....	Boonsboro	2	105	75	30	...	1	6	10	3	..	...	6	1	2	20	116	..	78 00	707 00	...	Funkstown, Md.
James R. Lewis.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	3	171	146	61	5	...	...	.....	5	..	...	4	2	2	34	134	..	167 00	524 00	...	Mt. Pleasant, Md.
Charles A. Bushong.....	Sabillasville	3	84	17	100	...	...	...	....	...	..	...	1	....	2	25	151	..	11 00	50 00	...	Sabillasville, Md.
Aaron M. Gluck, Licentiate, called to Emmittsburg, Oct. 1, 1903.																						Emmittsburg, Md.
Simon S. Miller, supply.	Braddock	1	35	20	....	1	...	...	....	...	..	...	1	....	..	....	....	..	21 00	.....	...	Frederick, Md.
Joseph H. Apple, Licentiate, President of Woman's College.																						Frederick, Md.
Wm. H. Warner, Lic....																						Lineboro, Md.
Totals, 47.	36.	64	10597	8426	5907	471	48	458	273	200		92	136	106	60	1208	8477	7	$12409 00	$71998 00		

*Resigned July 1, 1903.

MERCERSBURG, CLASSIS.

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Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D.	Mont Alto.....	1	41	40	....	3	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	1	10	100	..	$ 55 00	$ 132 00	...	Chambersburg, Pa.
Rev. F. F. Bahner, D.D..	Waynesboro	2	457	374	115	13	9	24	19	24	..	...	9	1	2	53	340	..	515 00	1400 00	...	Waynesboro, Pa.
G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.	Without charge...	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Greenvillage, Pa.
Rev. G. B. Russell, D.D., LL.D.,	Without charge	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Waynesboro, Pa
Rev. J. B. Shontz.....	St. John's	1	334	280	160	14	1	8	22	6	..	10	5	....	1	31	240	..	287 00	1431 00	...	Chambersburg, Pa.
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D.	Zion's	1	398	288	150	6	2	15	11	10	..	...	8	....	1	27	237	..	556 00	7170 37	30	Chambersburg, Pa.
Vacant	St. Thomas	4	385	328	104	15	16	28	10	4	..	...	4	1	4	60	405	1	190 00	2650 00	24	St. Thomas, Pa.
Rev. I. N. Peightel.....	Grace	1	310	280	106	4	1	6	5	5	..	...	7	....	1	19	160	..	400 00	1620 00	13	Greencastle, Pa.
Rev. Chas. A. Sautee....	Mercersburg	2	296	250	64	3	4	16	9	8	..	10	3	1	1	15	193	1	933 00	1075 00	16	Mercersburg, Pa.
Rev. C. M. Smith.....	McConnellsburg	3	184	159	98	8	2	4	....	5	..	...	5	2	1	10	56	..	97 03	501 08	10	McConnellsburg, Pa.
Rev. E. O. Keen.....	St. Paul's	2	264	205	....	11	1	2	5	10	..	...	2	3	2	41	200	..	350 00	12550 00	...	Waynesboro, Pa.
Rev. C. Gumbert.....	London	3	242	186	75	2	3	12	4	12	..	...	6	1	3	36	225	2	92 00	1270 00	...	Fort Loudon, Pa.
Vacant.....	Grace Reformed....	1	280	226	97	...	5	2	5	8	..	10	3	....	1	27	240	1	516 15	1493 00	20	Shippensburg, Pa.
Rev. G. P. Fisher.....	Grindstone Hill.....	2	324	283	152	12	10	9	2	2	..	...	4	6	2	23	207	..	359 00	1595 00	25	Marion, Pa.
Com. of Supply.....	Middleburg	1	75	70	....	...	1	4	6	3	..	...	...	....	1	19	90	1	50 00	180 00	...	State Line, Pa.
Rev. W. M. Irvine, Ph.D., Licentiate. Pres. Mercersburg Academy.						...	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Mercersburg, Pa.
Rev. Leslie Omwake, Licentiate. Prof. Ursinus College.						...	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Collegeville, Pa.
Totals. 14	13.	24	3590	2969	1121	91	55	130	98	97		30	56	15	21	371	2693	6	$4400 18	$33067 45	138	

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Sunday-Schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erasure of Name	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Unc'ed.	Number of	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
William K. Zieber, D.D..	Without charge.....	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Hanover, Pa.
John C. Bowman, D.D..	Prof. in Seminary...	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	444 W.James St.,Lancaster.
Thos. J. Barkley, D.D...	Gettysburg	1	298	292	294	18	1	12	8	4	..	...	5	3	1	21	170	..	$ 420 00	$1120 00	18	Gettysburg, Pa.
Walter E. Krebs, D.D...	Without charge.....	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Littlestown, Pa.
John H. Hartman.....	West Manheim.....	4	527	500	375	46	1	34	10	8	..	...	9	6	4	26	260	..	228 00	1200 00	30	Hanover, Pa.
Francis S. Lindaman.....	Christ Church.....	3	740	670	475	61	6	43	22	16	..	...	17	5	3	64	368	..	1011 00	1350 00	31	Littlestown, Pa.
John F. Mackley.....	Cashtown	3	369	290	206	18	1	11	6	5	..	4	3	4	3	28	200	..	268 00	1476 00	18	Fairfield, Pa.
J. Marion Mickley.....	Without charge.....	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	..		...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	McKnightstown, Pa.
William D. Lefevre.....	Without charge.....	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Smyrna, Del.
Marsby J. Roth.....	Trinity	1	597	552	370	46	1	26	30	11	..	32	15	4	1	35	530	1	360 00	1321 00	14	Hanover, Pa.
Paul M. Spangler.....	East Berlin.....	4	339	275	95	22	11	28	8	4	..	...	7	4	4	40	301	..	131 00	734 00	14	East Berlin, Pa.
Wharton A. Kline.....	Prof. Ursinus Coll..	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Collegeville, Pa.
Frederick C. Seitz.....	Emmanuel	1	496	386	152	18	2	15	18	5	..	...	5	2	1	31	226	5	1389 00	3907 00	15	Hanover, Pa.
Nathan W. Sechler.....	Jefferson	3	779	741	510	27	...	38	4	17	..	34	12	13	3	30	360	..	352 00	1055 00	16	Codorus, Pa.
Alexander P. Frantz....	Leshey	2	425	344	275	35	1	26	20	5	..	...	7	4	2	33	283	..	286 00	4800 00	18	Spring Forge, Pa.
J. Hamilton Smith.....	Littlestown	1	335	258	119	9	...	13	13	6	..	1	6	3	1	26	189	..	393 00	808 00	15	Littlestown, Pa.
Theodore C. Hesson.....	Arendtsville	2	424	373	200	7	2	9	8	6	..	...	13	2	2	40	300	..	403 00	798 00	20	Arendtsville, Pa.
Jacob M. Stick.....	Missionary to Japan.	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Sendai, Japan.
Silas P. Mauger.....	New Oxford	3	613	465	265	19	...	8	8	13	..	2	4	2	3	50	330	..	229 00	1140 00	20	New Oxford, Pa.
William E. Bushong.....	Without charge.....	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Hanover, Pa.
Thos. J. Barkley, Supply	St. Mark's.....	1	87	83	60	3	1	4	6	2	..	...	3	....	1	10	65	..	28 00	150 00	6	Gettysburg, Pa.
Total, 20.	13.	29	6029	5389	3396	329	27	277	161	102	..	73	106	52	29	434	3582	6	$5491 00	$20250 00	235	

CARLISLE CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Sunday-Schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erasure of Name	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Unc'ed.	Number of	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Miles O. Noll	Carlisle	1	401	372	157	10	9	17	14	13	..	1	4	....	1	30	435	..	$1148 00	$2225 00	12	Carlisle, Pa.
Samuel H. Stein	Mechanicsburg	1	250	214	75	7	5	7	8	7	..	...	3	3	1	29	256	..	390 00	1075 00	25	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Vacant	Sulphur Springs	4	202	183	92	5	2	7	9	7	..	2	2	....	4	48	332	..	230 00	1573 00	20	Carlisle, Pa.
Ernest E. Weaver	Newburg	1	131	126	62	8	2	4	5	4	..	...	4	....	1	20	154	1	144 00	798 00	20	Newburg, Pa.
George W. Shellenberger.	Landisburg	4	391	289	200	8	...	10	9	16	..	17	8	4	4	68	494	..	526 00	1295 00	25	Landisburg, Pa.
J. Thomas Fox	New Bloomfield	2	140	116	60	21	...	10	5	5	..	...	...	....	2	25	155	1	154 00	700 00	20	New Bloomfield, Pa.
Charles A. Waltman	Zion's	4	443	339	207	16	4	9	6	6	..	...	8	3	4	46	343	2	330 00	971 00	23	Blain, Pa.
*Frank L. Kerr	Newport	1	276	147	....	1	...	...	....	12	..	...	4	....	1	26	200	..	187 00	847 00	10	Newport, Pa.
Vacant	Duncannon	3	218	154	....	6	2	10	7	5	..	...	1	1	2	30	222	..	211 00	2740 00	18	Duncannon, Pa.
Solomon B. Schafer	Without charge	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Martinsburg, Pa.
Samuel P. Stauffer	Without charge	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Philadelphia, Pa.
Samuel N. Callender	Without charge	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
George A. House	Without charge	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Dayton, Ohio.
William H. Groh	Without charge	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Carlisle, Pa.
Edwin D. Meixell	Without charge	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Greensburg, Pa.
Frank W. Shulenberger	Licentiate.	..	.....	....	....	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	....	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	...	Mt. Tabor, Pa.
Total, 14.	9.	21	2452	1940	1056	82	24	74	63	75		20	34	11	20	322	25 9	4	$3320 00	$12224 00	173	

*Received and installed, July 29, 1903.

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					Sunday-Schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erasure of Name	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Unc'ed.	Number of	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Fred. A. Rupley, D.D....	Without charge.....	..	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	.....	.....	...	Martinsburg, Pa.
J. F. Moyer.....	Christ	1	615	480	211	19	9	28	17	11	..	7	7	4	1	34	354	..	$ 510 00	$12819 00	30	Altoona, Pa.
S. U. Waugaman.....	Greenfield	4	487	412	257	25	3	45	1	4	..	...	7	3	5	54	562	..	442 00	813 00	...	Claysburg, Pa.
Daniel G. Hetrick.....	Schellsburg	3	250	223	224	13	...	20	5	14	..	1	5	4	2	16	134	..	173 00	727 00	21	Schellsburg, Pa.
E. W. Stonebraker.....	Yellow Creek.....	4	207	181	70	11	6	15	7	23	..	...	7	....	3	20	210	..	373 00	770 00	38	Loysburg, Pa.
Lewis Robb.....	Trinity	1	460	390	250	30	3	14	22	14	..	12	3	1	1	35	387	..	622 00	3476 00	15	Altoona, Pa.
Vacant	St. John's.....	1	195	152	75	10	1	6	15	3	..	...	2	1	1	15	105	..	291 00	1542 00	12	Bedford, Pa.
Vacant	Saxton	3	212	137	90	14	2	6	20	3	..	...	4	1	2	28	221	..	120 00	1356 00	16	Saxton, Pa.
P. A. DeLong.....	Huntingdon	1	344	261	125	16	1	12	22	9	..	...	8	2	1	27	260	..	648 00	1328 00	12	Huntingdon, Pa.
W. H. Landis.....	Sulphur Springs.....	3	358	303	181	13	2	5	6	14	..	10	8	5	2	20	110	..	248 00	720 00	21	Mann's Choice, Pa.
B. F. Bausman.....	Dunning's Creek....	3	358	275	143	9	...	5	9	8	..	...	9	1	3	53	253	..	438 00	877 00	20	Cessna, Pa.
John D. Hicks.....	Grace	1	157	150	175	6	2	17	5	1	..	...	1	2	1	27	213	..	155 00	1296 00	12	Altoona, Pa.
A. F. Nace.....	St. Clairsville.....	3	414	310	145	22	7	10	5	4	..	2	2	1	2	28	260	..	528 00	1141 00	50	St. Clairsville, Pa.
J. S. Heffner.....	Hickory Bottom....	3	296	205	135	4	1	3	7	5	..	15	12	3	4	69	255	..	270 00	1405 00	20	Roaring Springs, Pa.
Howard Obold.....	Water Street.....	3	378	275	145	5	...	8	4	7	..	...	10	2	2	29	136	..	738 00	1331 00	25	Alexandria, Pa.
Walter E. Garrett.....	McConnellstown	3	318	243	170	12	2	7	6	4	..	...	8	....	3	40	263	..	298 00	810 00	30	McConnellstown, Pa.
W. C. Slough.....	Martinsburg	2	260	234	106	5	...	...	13	1	..	1	7	....	2	25	130	..	349 00	831 00	26	Martinsburg, Pa.
George W. Welsh.....	Woodcock Valley...	3	311	248	80	7	1	9	11	17	..	20	7	6	3	42	296	..	137 00	1140 00	26	James Creek, Pa.
J. David Miller.....	Everett	2	152	101	111	...	...	...	4	1	..	23	...	....	1	21	153	..	157 00	3083 00	18	Everett, Pa.
Supply	Orbisonia	3	65	40	20	2	...	...	....	...	...	...	2	....	1	8	60	..	29 00	75 00	8	Orbisonia, Pa.
E. Frank Foust.....	Clear Ridge.....	3	135	128	52	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	....	3	43	238	..	44 00	.....	14	Clearville, Pa.
Chas. W. Warlick.....	Friend's Cove.....	3	314	285	108	...	...	...	....	...	..	...	...	....	3	29	246	..	121 00	.....	20	Koontzville, Pa.
Totals, 19.	21	53	6286	5233	2791	223	39	213	179	143	..	97	109	36	46	653	4784		$6763 00	$35439 00	427	

Lic. Blanchard A. Black, dismissed to Iowa Classis.
Lic. John E. Stone, dismissed to Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod.
Lic. Calvin Skyles, dismissed to Somerset Classis, Pittsburg Synod.
Rev. A. C. Thompson, dismissed to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod.
Rev. I. W. Hendricks, dismissed to Tuscarawas Classis, Ohio, Synod.

Total Statistical Summary of Potomac Synod for the Year A. D., 1903.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	No. of Classes.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	Members.			Additions.				Losses.					S. Schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.	
				Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Renew. of Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erasure of Name.	Deaths Com'ts	Deaths Uncom'f'd	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Zion's	1	17	37	5374	4350	2988	308	15	183	148	63	..	35	80	68	34	561	4889	1	$4,710 00	$ 37,314 00
Maryland	1	45	64	10597	8420	5907	471	48	458	273	200	..	92	136	106	60	1208	8477	7	12,409 00	71,999 00
Mercersburg	1	14	24	3590	2969	1121	91	55	130	98	97	..	30	56	15	21	371	2693	6	4,400 00	33,067 00
Virginia	1	20	32	2642	2221	1209	64	46	100	72	52	..	22	41	12	28	304	1864	1	3,185 00	12,708 00
North Carolina	1	26	47	3718	2568	1743	156	50	162	122	109	..	76	51	11	36	322	3414	7	2,568 00	9,413 00
Gettysburg	1	20	29	6029	5389	3396	329	27	277	161	102	..	73	106	52	29	434	3582	6	5,491 00	20,250 00
Carlisle	1	14	21	2452	1940	1056	82	24	74	63	75	..	20	34	11	20	322	2589	4	3,320 00	12,224 00
Juniata	1	21	53	6286	5233	2991	223	39	213	179	143	..	97	109	36	46	653	4784		6.763 00	35,439 00
Total,	8	177	307	40688	33096	20411	1724	304	1597	1116	841		445	613	311	274	4175	32292	32	$42.847 00	$232,414 00
Eastern Synod	12	324	546	107577	84887	56243	5560	545	4910	3526	1891	2	1587	1870	959	618	11244	91638	71	113,371 00	580,539 00
Ohio Synod	6	149	234	26563	20912	6493	764	448	1115	1130	652	1	796	355	84	221	3378	24462	25	35,544 00	143,923 00
Synod of N. West	12	175	225	23146	16905	14769	1569	34	1218	815	318	2	519	341	189	200	1444	12845	24	20,845 00	106,485 00
Pittsburg Synod	5	90	156	19800	16539	10885	1018	136	845	857	533	..	437	291	168	144	1862	13854	9	33,751 00	137,799 00
German Synod of East	4	67	55	14919	12086	10484	1835	35	799	786	121	6	1252	283	178	58	1124	11604	5	10,258 00	113,741 00
Central Synod	5	105	121	23021	16604	11864	1250	95	998	770	225	2	645	310	150	105	1601	13374	16	18,905 00	123.226 00
Synod of Interior	5	53	65	3335	2556	1277	104	97	157	204	111	..	125	54	8	62	652	4127	5	7,266 00	38,887 00
	57	1138	1709	259983	202585	132426	13824	1694	11639	9204	4692	13	5806	4117	2047	1682	25480	204396	187	$282,787 00	$1496,914 00

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